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U.S. training plan: Read first, shoot later

Commanders use incentives like literacy training to help recruit Afghans into army and police

BY KEVIN BARON
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — As they struggle to attract and retain more recruits into the Afghan National Army, American commanders are hoping that two small adjustments will begin to make a big difference.

The Afghan government recently boosted soldier salaries to almost as much as the Taliban pays.

And starting next month, U.S. military trainers will teach Afghan recruits to read before they teach them to shoot straight.

"We think if the word gets out that you not only go through your basic soldier skills, but you also get some literacy training while you're doing that, [it] will be a real incentive," Lt. Gen. William Caldwell, who commands the NATO training mission, told reporters traveling with Defense Secretary Robert Gates during a visit to Afghanistan on Wednesday.

Gates

Caldwell

"What the Afghans tell me is that that's a real draw for them, if they can have some literacy training," Caldwell added, noting that as many as 65 percent of Afghan army recruits may be illiterate.

Gates focused his Afghanistan tour this week on gauging the ability of U.S.-led coalition forces to accelerate the training of Afghan soldiers and police — a key element of President Barack Obama's war strategy intended to eventually allow American soldiers to begin to come home.

The Afghan army currently numbers about 97,000 soldiers, with a target of 134,000 by November 2010 and 240,000 by 2013. Meanwhile, the end goal for the 94,000-strong national police force is 160,000. Those forces are to gradually assume lead security responsibilities across the country, allowing Americans to pull back and, ultimately, pull out.

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HADI MIZBAN/AP

U.S. and Iraqi soldiers secure a massive bombing site near the new Finance Ministry in Baghdad on Tuesday. A series of attacks killed at least 127 and wounded more than 500.

Despite bombings, U.S. says Iraq must keep lead security role

BY MICHAEL GISICK
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Despite another round of massive bombings that underscored the threat of political violence ahead of March elections, it remains unlikely that U.S. troops will take a major role in security during the vote.

The bombings Tuesday at government offices in Baghdad, which killed at least 127 people and wounded more than 500, raised tough questions for Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki about the abilities of Iraq's security forces ahead of parliamentary elections scheduled for March 7.

The U.S. military has warned of a possible rise in violence ahead of the vote.

"The government of Iraq has the lead in ensuring the safety of the Iraqi populous throughout the election period," said Lt. Col. Mark Ballesteros, a U.S. military spokesman. "U.S. forces will provide security assistance for the elections as requested by the [Iraqi government] and in accordance with the security agreement."

During a press briefing last month, Gen. Ray Odierno, the U.S. commander in Iraq, said planning for the upcoming elections would be based on the model used during provincial elections in January, when U.S. troops played a limited role.

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Iraqis walk Wednesday between cars destroyed the day before in a bomb attack in Baghdad.

Peace: Al-Maliki installs new security chief

PEACE, FROM PAGE 1

Most U.S. troops stayed inside their bases during the January vote. The minimal violence was seen as evidence that Iraqi forces were increasingly capable of handling security. A spike in violence during the upcoming vote could send the opposite message, just as American combat forces prepare to leave the country next year.

The U.S. military sent some troops and forensic equipment to assist the Iraqis in the aftermath of the latest bombing, The Associated Press reported Tuesday.

In Baghdad on Wednesday, al-Maliki asked Iraqis for patience and warned against fomenting political divisions following the bombings, the Associated Press reported.

Iraqi state TV says al-Maliki has ordered a shake-up at the top of Baghdad security, according to AP.

Al-Iraqiya TV says Lt. Gen. Ahmed Hashim Ouda will rise to the position of commander of Baghdad security. The current chief, Lt. Gen. Abboud Qanbar, will take Ouda's old position as deputy chief of staff.

Iraqi security forces guard the area near a crater caused by a bomb attack Tuesday outside the Labor Ministry in Baghdad. A series of attacks in Baghdad on Tuesday has Iraqi lawmakers questioning the ability of Iraqi forces to provide security during national elections.

The speaker of the Iraqi parliament, Ayad al-Samarraie, called on the ministers of defense and interior as well as the commander of Baghdad military operations to appear before a special session scheduled for Thursday, said Omar al-Mashhadani, spokesman for the speaker. Other security officials have also been asked to appear, he added.

Top security officials have twice failed to show up to answer questions in parliament about security lapses, after suicide bombers in August and October killed hundreds at other government buildings.

This time, Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani agreed to attend the session under one condition — that it not be held behind closed doors, according to a statement released by his office, AP reported. It was not known if other officials would attend.

Al-Maliki also was expected to attend the session, al-Mashhadani said.

Since August, a trio of massive bombings against government targets in the city has killed roughly 400 people and highlighted the inability of Iraqi forces to prevent coordinated, well-planned attacks despite a heavy security presence.

There is widespread suspicion that the bombers in the previous attacks may have had inside help. Iraq arrested dozens of security officials after the October bombing.

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Officials still seeking Futenma solution

By Chiyomi Sumida
Stars and Stripes

Even though high-level talks over relocating a Marine Corps air station on Okinawa have been halted, Japanese and U.S. officials said Wednesday the two countries will continue to work to resolve the issue.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirofumi Hirano said during a Wednesday news conference that close and intense negotiations are needed to resolve the dispute over the location of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Otherwise, he said, the delay could affect the entire timeline of the realignment of U.S. forces in Japan.

Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada announced Tuesday that talks over Futenma will be suspended until the Japanese government decides how and where it wants the air station moved. Since taking power in September, Japan's center-left government has been reviewing a plan to move Futenma operations to Camp Schwab, part of a 2006 bilateral agreement.

To answer those on Okinawa opposed to the move within the island, the Democratic Party of Japan made a campaign pledge to move the military airfield outside Okinawa.

While Japan weighs alternative locations, the U.S. maintains its stance that it is best to implement the plan as agreed in the road map.

Despite the impasse, Defense Minister Toshimi Kitazawa, who is in charge of the project to build a replacement airfield and move 8,000 Marines to Guam from Okinawa, departed Tuesday on a two-day fact-finding visit to Guam.

"The purpose of my trip is to see the situation of the island as an individual who is responsible to put important resources of our country to Guam," he said before leaving Tuesday. "We have already paid 30 billion yen (about $330 million) to the United States [for the Guam project], and if things move as planned in the road map, we need to earmark about 50 billion yen (about $550 million) for next fiscal year."

Okada denied media reports that friction was mounting between the U.S. and Japanese governments.

"Presently, there is the Futenma issue as an imminent matter to be solved," he said during a Tuesday news conference. "However, I, minister of foreign affairs, do not see that there are any pending issues or any difficult challenges that lie between the United States and Japan."

On Wednesday, the U.S. agreed.

The U.S. "continues to engage with the government of Japan in direct discussions to maintain alliance capabilities while reducing the impact of our bases in local communities," a spokesman for the U.S. Consulate General in Naha said.

But time is running out for the administration of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama to make a decision on the issue, an expert on U.S.-Japan relations said Wednesday.

"If the plan is implemented according to the road map, and in order to complete the move by 2014, the construction of the airfield must start next year," said Masaaki Gabe, professor of international relations at the University of the Ryukyus. "If the decision is postponed, and the Japanese government fails to allocate the necessary budget for the project, the plan will stumble from its foundation."

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Rice cakes, anyone?

Jan Stilwell gets ready to swing a large wooden mallet Wednesday during a traditional Japanese ceremony to make rice cakes at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Her husband, 35th Fighter Wing commander Col. Dave Stilwell, looks on. Japan Air Self-Defense Forces officials hosted the "mochitsuki" event, held each year to help celebrate the New Year holiday season. After pounding the rice — which had been cooked and soaked overnight — into paste, participants got to eat the treats.

T.D. Flack
Stars and Stripes

Last surviving doughboy seeks memorial in D.C.

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The only living American-born veteran of World War I, now 108, visited Capitol Hill to lend his support for a World War I memorial on Washington's National Mall.

Ninety years after surviving World War I and 60 years after enduring a Japanese prisoner of war camp, Frank Woodruff Buckles earlier this month attended a Senate hearing on legislation, named in his honor, to finally build a Washington memorial to the Great War.

"An excellent idea," Buckles told a panel of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Buckles is one of just a few remaining World War I survivors. British-born Claude Choules of Australia, who served in the Royal Navy, is 108.

The last known survivor of trench warfare on World War I's Western Front, British veteran Harry Patch, died in England in July at age 111. He began talking about his experience of trench warfare only in his last years, having shared nothing with his family.

At least 8.5 million soldiers are believed to have perished in the 1914-18 war.

Before the hearing, Buckles, wearing a ribbon commemorating his service, was greeted and shook hands with a procession of senators, followed by a group of high school students serving as Senate pages.

Buckles talked his way into the Army at 16. He drove ambulances and motorcycles and helped return prisoners of war to Germany after the armistice. He was working as a civilian for an American shipping company when he was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines in 1942 and spent three years in a prison camp.

His daughter Susannah Buckles Flanagan, who lives with him on a farm in Charles Town, W.Va., said her father, who uses a wheelchair, now has difficulty hearing but still enjoys reading and exercise every day.

The centenarian is lending his name to legislation that would rededicate a monument now honoring Washington's World War I veterans as a memorial for the more than 4 million Americans who served in the war.

The Mall already has memorials honoring veterans of World War II and the conflicts in Vietnam and Korea.

Alex Brandon/AP

Frank Buckles, left, who at 108 is the only living American-born veteran of World War I, shakes hands with Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 3.

WWII vet to return Hitler art wish book to Germany

By Jamie Stengle
The Associated Press

DALLAS — After fighting his way across Europe during World War II, John Pistone was among the GIs who entered Adolf Hitler's home nestled in the Bavarian Alps as the war came to a close.

Making his way through the Berghof, Hitler's home near Berchtesgaden, Germany, Pistone noticed a table with shelves underneath. Exhilarated by the certainty of victory over the Nazis, Pistone took an album filled with photographs of paintings as a souvenir.

Sixty-four years after Pistone, now 87, brought the album home to Ohio, he learned its full significance: It's part of a series compiled for Hitler featuring art he wanted for his "Führermuseum," a planned museum in Linz, Austria.

Pistone's album is expected to be formally returned to Germany in a ceremony at the U.S. State Department in January. Germany has 19 other albums discovered at the Berchtesgaden complex that are part of a 31-album collection of works either destined for or being considered for the Linz museum.

Pistone's 3-inch thick, 12-pound album's journey from obscurity began this fall when a friend became curious about the book sitting on Pistone's bookshelf.

The friend discovered after some Internet searching that the Dallas-based Monuments Men Foundation for the Preservation of Art was involved in 2007 in the restitution of two other albums that were part of a series documenting art stolen by the Nazis from Jewish families.

Its founder, Robert Edsel, traveled to Ohio this fall to examine Pistone's album. Seeing it convinced him that Pistone had one of the missing albums of the series on the planned museum.

Stamped on the album's spine is "Gemaldegalerie Linz" — Gemaldegalerie means picture gallery in German — and the Roman numerals for 13. It still has a sticker from the book's binder in Dresden.

Birgit Schwarz, a German art historian from Vienna who has written books about Hitler and art, including a book called "Hitler's Museum" describing the series album, is convinced the album is authentic.

IN THE STATES

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

President Barack Obama, flanked by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, left, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, meets on Wednesday with congressional leaders in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington.

Obama praises Senate after compromise on health care

BY ERICA WERNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Wednesday praised a Senate health care compromise that would jettison a full-blown government insurance plan in favor of expanding Medicare and creating new private plans modeled on the federal employee program.

"The Senate made critical progress last night with a creative framework that I believe will pave the way for final passage and a historic achievement on behalf of the American people," Obama said at an event near the White House to announce spending for community health centers and other initiatives.

"I support this effort, especially since it's aimed at increasing choice and competition and lowering costs," the president said. He spoke with the Senate at a critical juncture in the second week of debate on a sweeping health overhaul bill. Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is hoping that the deal announced Tuesday night can hold together a fragile 60-vote coalition and clear the way for passage of the legislation before Christmas.

There were some positive signs Wednesday. A much-courted moderate — Connecticut independent Sen. Joe Lieberman — signaled he might be able to live with the compromise, and liberal Democrats also spoke out in favor of the idea.

"I am encouraged by the progress toward a consensus," Lieberman said in a statement that also underscored his opposition to any new government insurance plan that would compete with private carriers.

Meanwhile, former presidential candidate and one-time Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said the Medicare option for people age 55 to 64 was "a positive step forward."

Dean, a physician, has been one of the most vocal supporters of the idea that the government should get into the health insurance market. But as it became increasingly clear in recent weeks that a new government insurance plan did not command the necessary votes in the Senate, Dean contacted Reid and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., to offer the Medicare expansion as a way forward.

However, as the Senate continued to debate, the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association — both groups that have been generally supportive of Congress' health overhaul efforts thus far — raised red flags. Both groups are concerned about adding more patients to Medicare, because the program pays providers significantly lower rates than private insurers do.

U.S. designates funding for facilities and records

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama announced on Wednesday the government is spending almost $600 million for community health centers and for a push to transfer medical records to electronic formats.

The White House painted the spending — part of the $787 billion stimulus bill the president championed during his first days in office — as a way to add jobs to a struggling economy. Officials also linked it to the administration's broader push for an overhaul of the nation's health system.

The administration plans to give almost $509 million to repair, rebuild or replace federally designated community health centers. From coast to coast, the centers serve more than 17 million patients — about 40 percent of whom have no health insurance.

The president also said as much as $88 million more will go to health care facilities to "transfer old paper files to electronic medical records" and to upgrade technologies.

Obama also signed a memo directing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to begin a three-year trial on how to improve care for Medicare patients at community health centers.

Sensitive TSA screening policy posted on Internet

BY EILEEN SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Five Transportation Security Administration employees have been placed on administrative leave since it was discovered that sensitive guidelines about airport passenger screening were posted on the Internet.

The move was disclosed as senators questioned administration officials Wednesday about the second embarrassing security flap at the Homeland Security Department in as many weeks.

The Secret Service, also part of the sprawling department, is investigating how a couple of would-be reality TV stars were able to get into a White House state dinner without an invitation.

Assistant Homeland Security secretary David Heyman told senators Wednesday that a full investigation into the Internet security lapse is under way and the TSA employees have been taken off duty pending the results of that probe. He did not say how many employees were put on leave.

A TSA official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation said five employees were placed on administrative leave Tuesday.

The Homeland Security Department has also stopped posting documents with security information either in full or in part on the Internet until the TSA review is complete, Heyman told the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee.

The passenger screening document was improperly on the Internet in a way that could offer insight into how to sidestep security.

"Even what appeared to be an innocent posting to help federal contractors can have serious consequences for our security," Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Wednesday.

Heyman said he did not know who at TSA signed off on the document going on the Web.

The TSA removed the document from the Internet on Sunday after the lapse was reported on a blog.

Among many sensitive sections, the document outlines who is exempt from certain additional screening measures, including members of the U.S. armed forces, governors and lieutenant governors, the mayor of Washington, D.C., and their immediate families.

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It also offers examples of identification documents that screeners accept, including congressional, federal air marshal and CIA ID cards; and it explains that diplomatic pouches and certain foreign dignitaries with law enforcement escorts are not subjected to any screening at all. It said certain methods of verifying identification documents aren't used on all travelers during peak travel crushes.

TSA said the document is now outdated.

It was posted in March by TSA on the Federal Business Opportunity site.

The posting was improper because sensitive information was not properly protected, TSA spokeswoman Kristin Lee said.

As a result, some Web sites, using widely available software, were able to uncover the original text of sections that had been blacked out for security reasons. On Sunday, the Wandering Aramean blog pointed out the document in a posting titled "The TSA makes another stupid move."

According to the blog, TSA posted a redacted version of the document but did not delete the sensitive information from the file.

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Memorial for slain officers

AP

American flags are folded over the caskets of four slain Lakewood, Wash., police officers at a memorial service Tuesday at the Tacoma Dome in Tacoma, Wash. The memorial was for officers Greg Richards, 42; Tina Griswold, 40; Ronald Owens, 37; and Sgt. Mark Renninger, 39, who were gunned down in a coffee shop before the start of their shift on Nov. 29.

House votes to extend $31 billion in tax breaks

By Stephen Ohlemacher
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to slap higher taxes on Wall Street investment managers to help pay to extend $31 billion in tax breaks for a wide range of Americans, including popular deductions for local and state sales and property taxes.

The 45 tax deductions and credits for businesses and individuals are scheduled to expire at year's end. The House voted 241-181 to extend them for a year. The bill now goes to the Senate, which has rejected the tax increase on investment managers in the past.

The tax breaks include a sales tax deduction that mainly helps people in the nine states without local income taxes, a property tax deduction for people who don't itemize and lucrative credits that help businesses finance research and development.

The tax breaks are supported by Democrats and Republicans alike and are routinely extended each year, but there are big disagreements over the tax increases that would pay for them. The dispute, combined with the Senate's prolonged debate on health care, makes it unclear whether the tax package will be enacted this year.

Lawmakers could retroactively pass the package early next year, but that would make tax planning difficult.

The House bill would raise $24.6 billion over the next decade from the tax increase on investment fund managers. It would affect hedge fund and private equity managers, as well as the more than 1.2 million real estate investment partnerships, according to the Real Estate Roundtable.

The House bill would raise an additional $7.7 billion from a crackdown on international tax cheats, an issue the Internal Revenue Service and the Obama administration have embraced.

Inmate's bid to avoid execution is set back

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio inmate fighting the state's second planned attempt to execute him may not have a valid pain-and-suffering claim, a federal judge said Wednesday.

Developments in a separate death penalty case this week that ended with an execution Tuesday appear to limit what killer Romell Broom can argue about the state's desire to put him to death, U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost said Wednesday.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday that death row inmate Kenneth Biros hadn't presented evidence that the state's new backup execution method could cause severe pain in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Biros, 51, was executed Tuesday for killing a woman he met at a bar in 1991.

Ex-state senator to be Atlanta's next mayor

ATLANTA — Former Georgia state Sen. Kasim Reed will be sworn in as Atlanta's next mayor after a recount of his slim margin of victory over opponent Mary Norwood was confirmed Wednesday in a recount.

His election to succeed current Mayor Shirley Franklin extends a decades-long line of African-American mayors in the mostly black city.

It came after a hard-fought race that was extended beyond November's general election with a December runoff and the recount. More than 84,000 ballots were cast in the runoff. The results of the recount showed Reed won 714 more votes than Norwood.

From The Associated Press

IN THE WORLD

EPA chief pledges unity on climate

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — The top U.S. environmental official told a divided U.N. climate conference Wednesday that the Obama administration's moves to "make up for lost time" and cut greenhouse gases would complement congressional action and wasn't intended to bypass recalcitrant lawmakers.

The comments by Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson came on the same day that the tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu — which would be among the first victims of rising seas — was rebuffed by the conference in an attempt to demand strong action against major polluting countries.

Jackson suggested the EPA's decision Monday that greenhouse gases should be regulated would be a dual path of action by the Obama administration and Congress.

"This is not an either/or moment. This is a both/and moment," she told more than 100 people who packed a U.S. meeting room in the conference center.

The EPA determined Monday that scientific evidence clearly shows they are endangering the health of Americans, and that the pollutants — mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels — should be regulated under the Clean Air Act. That means the EPA could regulate those gases without the approval of Congress.

The EPA decision was welcomed by other nations in Copenhagen that have called on the U.S. to boost its efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, because it seemed President Barack Obama could act more quickly and bypass legislation slowly working through Congress.

The full Senate has yet to take up legislation that cleared its environment committee and calls for greenhouse gases to be cut by 20 percent by 2020, a target that was scaled back to 17 percent in the House after opposition from coal-state Democrats.

"We have been fighting to make up for lost time," Jackson said, referring to the Bush administration's rejection of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which limited the greenhouse emissions of industrial countries.

ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP

Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson gestures during a briefing in the U.S. meeting room at the U.N. climate summit in Copenhagen on Wednesday.

Jackson said "we need legislation" to remove any uncertainty that businesses might have.

"The reason for legislation is to take that question out of their minds," she said. "We will work closely with our Congress to pass legislation to lower our greenhouse gases more than 80 percent by 2050."

The U.S. intends to make "reasonable efforts" and also "meaningful, common-sense steps" to cut emissions, Jackson said, without giving specifics.

U.S. business groups have strongly argued against tackling global warming through the Clean Air Act, saying it is less flexible and more costly than the cap-and-trade legislation being considered by Congress. Any regulations from the EPA are certain to spawn lawsuits and a lengthy legal fights.

Negotiators at the 192-nation U.N. conference in Copenhagen are working to bridge the chasm between rich and poor countries over how to share the burden of fighting climate change.

Tuvalu proposed amending the U.N. climate treaty to require the world's nations to keep the rise in temperatures to below 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit above pre-industrial levels.

Rich countries have set 3.6 degrees F as a target.

The Danish conference's president, Connie Hedegaard, declined to advance Tuvalu's proposal, after objections from other nations, including oil producers, who would be hurt by the required strict limits on burning fossil fuels. Consensus is needed for taking such actions.

Tuvalu and other low-lying oceanic nations will be the first victims of rising seas, as warmer temperatures make oceans expand, melt glaciers and create more extreme weather.

Americans reportedly arrested in Pakistan

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani police said they arrested five U.S. citizens Wednesday in a raid in the east of the country, but declined to give a reason for the detentions.

The men were picked up at a house in Sarghoda in Punjab province, police officer Tahir Gujjar said.

U.S. officials said Wednesday the five Americans are believed to be the same five young men who vanished from Washington last month. One of the missing young men, officials said, left a farewell video saying Muslims must be defended and featuring images of American casualties.

The FBI has been looking for the men for more than a week, ever since their families reported them missing and expressed fears they may have gone to Pakistan, according to the two U.S. officials. The two are familiar with the case and spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

The men were picked up in a raid on a house in Sarghoda in the eastern province of Punjab, police officer Tahir Gujjar said, adding that three of the men are of Pakistani descent, one is of Egyptian descent and the other is of Yemeni heritage.

A Washington-area Imam, Johari Abdul-Malik, said friends of the unidentified young men saw no signs the men were radicalized.

After the five men disappeared, family members approached Islamic leaders who went to the FBI with the information.

U.S. envoy attempts to rekindle nuclear talks in Pyongyang

BY JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL — The United States assured North Korea of "a robust channel" for direct talks if it rejoins six-nation nuclear negotiations, as a senior U.S. envoy was in Pyongyang on Wednesday to try to salvage the stalled international talks.

Envoy Stephen Bosworth is on a mission to win North Korea's commitment to return to the negotiations on dismantling its nuclear program.

The communist government walked away from the talks earlier this year, angered by criticism of its nuclear and missile programs. A nuclear test soon followed.

State Department officials said Bosworth, who arrived Tuesday, was to hold high-level talks Wednesday before departing for Seoul on Thursday. They did not say whom Bosworth and his delegation would meet.

There is speculation that North Korea would demand Wednesday that the U.S. sign a peace treaty with it in return for rejoining the six-party talks, which involve the two Koreas, China, Russia, Japan and the U.S.

North Korea says the lack of a peace treaty is evidence that the U.S. has a "hostile" attitude toward it.

U.S. officials say a peace treaty is not on the agenda for Bosworth's trip to the North.

However, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Tuesday that it "would not surprise us" if the North raised other issues.

"We will make clear to them that should they return to the six-party process and should they reaffirm their commitments" under a 2005 disarmament pact, "then there is available to them a robust channel for bilateral dialogue," he said.

AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

A South Korean army soldier views photos at the Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul on Wednesday. The U.S. assured North Korea of "a robust channel" for direct talks if it rejoins international nuclear negotiations.

Man charged in alleged plot against U.S. targets

BERLIN — Germany has filed terrorism charges against a Turkish-German dual citizen allegedly linked to a member of a cell that plotted to attack U.S. targets, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The 24-year-old, identified only as Kadir T. in line with German privacy laws, was charged with supporting a foreign terrorist organization and violating export laws, federal prosecutors said.

The suspect, who was arrested in August, regularly attended meetings of a group centering around Adem Yilmaz, who used them to recruit candidates for the radical Islamic Jihad Union, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said that in July 2007, Kadir T. bought a video camera and a night-vision device for the Islamic Jihad Union on orders from Yilmaz, who had them sent to members of the group in the Waziristan region, in the Afghanistan-Pakistan border area.

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Elton John, partner to support orphan

Elton John's partner says the musician was devastated that he wasn't allowed to adopt an HIV-positive Ukrainian toddler, but plans to support the boy anyway.

The 62-year-old pop star met 14-month-old Lev at a home for HIV-positive children in September. But he was refused permission to adopt the boy because he was too old and not married.

John's partner, David Furnish, said Tuesday the couple was "massively gutted" by the rejection.

Furnish told BBC radio they were working to ensure Lev and his brother "have the best health care, education and family options available to them."

CBS flushes another soap

CBS canceled "As the World Turns" on Tuesday, putting the company that coined the phrase "soap operas" out of the business of making daytime dramas for the first time in 76 years.

"As the World Turns" has been on the air since 1956 and televised its 13,661st episode Tuesday. Its last episode will be next September, the network said.

It's the second daytime drama CBS has canceled in a year, after "Guiding Light."

Gumbel reveals cancer

Bryant Gumbel shocked a television audience with the news that he's recovering from lung cancer surgery and treatment.

The former "Today" show anchor, 61, said a malignant tumor and part of his lung were removed two months ago. He revealed his condition to Kelly Ripa while subbing for Regis Philbin on Tuesday's edition of "Live With Regis and Kelly."

Gumbel said he and his wife, Hilary Quinlan, had wanted to keep the news private. He said he had even kept his staff at the HBO sports newsmagazine "Real Sports" in the dark.

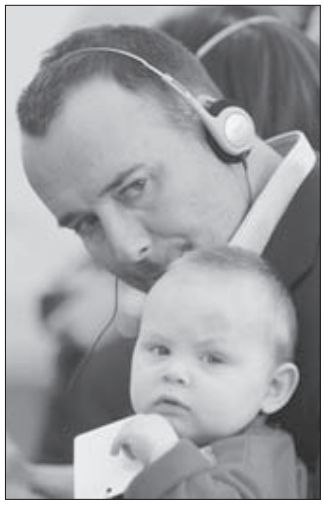
"We hope," he said. "We HOPE, it's over."

Hot dish

Police say a former cast member of the 1980s television show "Family Ties" has been arrested for investigation of assault in Colorado. Police said Monday that **Brian Bonsall**, 28, got into a fight at an apartment on Saturday and hit a friend with a broken wooden stool. Bonsall played little brother Andy Keaton on the sitcom.

Two people in the U.S. have been charged with threatening to sell photos of **John Stamos** unless he paid them $680,000. Stamos' spokesman, Matt Polk, said Tuesday the photos simply are pictures of the actor posing with fans. He says the photos eventually will be released.

— The Associated Press



AP

David Furnish, partner of Elton John, is shown Sept. 12 with Lev.

AP

Letterman tackled material on Tiger Woods' alleged indiscretions on the "Late Show" on Monday.

Letterman tees off on Woods scandal

David Letterman has dived right into material on Tiger Woods on the "Late Show," joking he wishes the golfer would stop asking him for advice.

Letterman was off last week and opened his monologue Monday with the subject of Woods, even though the late night host is only weeks removed from his own scandal.

Letterman said, "Boy, it looks like that Tiger Woods is having some trouble, huh?"

In October, Letterman admitted to workplace affairs police say led to a blackmail plot.

Woods last week admitted letting his family down with "transgressions" that became known following a Thanksgiving weekend car crash outside his Florida home.

Letterman asked the audience members to clap if they thought Woods was a "jerk."

Letterman then asked them to clap if they thought he was a jerk. Some clapped for each.

— The Associated Press

ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR

AP

Actor Robert Downey Jr., star of the new "Sherlock Holmes" film, strikes a pose Monday in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles. "Sherlock Holmes" will be released Dec. 25 in the States.

Gervais: Look out, skinny starlets

Ricky Gervais said he plans to play it loose and off-the-cuff as host of next month's Golden Globes, with Frank Sinatra and his pals as role models.

"I want to host it a little bit more like someone from the Rat Pack would host," Gervais said.

There won't be any prepared schtick, such as a prerecorded comedy bit or a dance number, but the star of the British version of "The Office" said he will script his remarks, to a point.

"If you're not prepared at all, it can be very flimsy and a bit self-indulgent," he said, adding he'll keep his material short and sharp because "I'm best in small doses."

Gervais told a teleconference Tuesday that he'll avoid anything cruel or distasteful but the stars on hand can expect "gentle ribbing."

"All of them, anyone younger and thinner and richer and more attractive than me. That's the ones I'm going for," said Gervais, who scored laughs as an Emmy Awards presenter by tweaking the looks of TV stars including Steve Carell and Rainn Wilson of the U.S. version of "The Office."

George Clooney likely is safe at the Globes.

AP

Gervais, noting that Clooney is handsome, a fine actor and considered kind to everyone, said poking fun at him would be like "having a go at Mother Teresa."

— The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Unemployed professionals compete for holiday jobs

BY CHRISTOPHER LEONARD AND MAE ANDERSON
The Associated Press

Mara Proctor used to design limestone hearths and columns for luxury homes near Kansas City, drawing on her college education and six years of training.

These days, she's leading customers around a store that sells sculptured snowmen and Santa figurines.

Until a few weeks ago, Proctor was among the record 5.9 million Americans who have been jobless for at least six months. Now she belongs to a subset of that group: Out-of-work professionals who have turned, in desperation, to holiday-season jobs as sales clerks.

Retailers report a surge in applications this year from professionals who had never applied for such jobs before.

"You'll find Wall Street stock brokers and small business owners trying to find temporary retail jobs during the holidays," said Ellen Davis, vice president of the National Retail Federation.

The pay is low, the jobs temporary. And the work is hardly equal to their experience or expertise. Yet the nation's unemployment crisis left these people jobless so much longer than they'd expected that many count themselves fortunate to have anything.

In a bleak labor market, holiday-season hiring has meant at least a respite for many long-term unemployed. Not that it's easy to land even these jobs. Most retailers have cut back. And overall in the economy, six applicants, on average, are competing for each opening — compared with just 1.7 workers per opening when the recession began in December 2007.

For the stores, though, the availability of clerks with experience managing or working effectively with coworkers is a luxury. They've been able to cull the excellent from the merely qualified.

"It enables us to be somewhat more selective and hire a higher-caliber" clerk, said Glenn Album, vice president of human resources at Toys R Us. Album said the company this year has hired, among others, former teachers and an accountant.

"What's great with the higher-caliber team members is there is much, much better service in the store," he said.

Retailers pay their sales clerks an average of about $13 an hour, the government estimates. Proctor declined to say how much she's paid, beyond saying it's well below what she earned as a designer. But it's more than the $400 a week she'd been collecting in unemployment benefits.

Competition is especially fierce for retail jobs, in part because the industry has cut 1 million jobs since January 2008, said Davis. Many retailers, fearing another weak holiday season, are trying to manage with leaner staffs.

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CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Mara Proctor arranges merchandise at Sticks boutique in Kansas City, Mo. Proctor is among the legions of workers finding temporary relief from unemployment with a seasonal job.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Dec. 10)	87.00
South Korean won (Dec. 10)	1,133.00
Euro costs (Dec. 10)	$1.5115
Dollar buys (Dec. 10)	€ 0.6616
British pound (Dec. 10)	$1.67

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	$1.6209
Canada (Dollar)	1.0621
China (Yuan)	6.8286
Denmark (Krone)	5.0582
Egypt (Pound)	5.4810
Euro	$1.4715/0.6796
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7506
Hungary (Forint)	187.06
Israel (Shekel)	3.7918
Japan (Yen)	87.85
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2852
Norway (Krone)	5.7777
Philippines (Peso)	46.39
Poland (Zloty)	2.83
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3908
South Korea (Won)	1,162.30
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0270
Thailand (Baht)	33.18
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5094

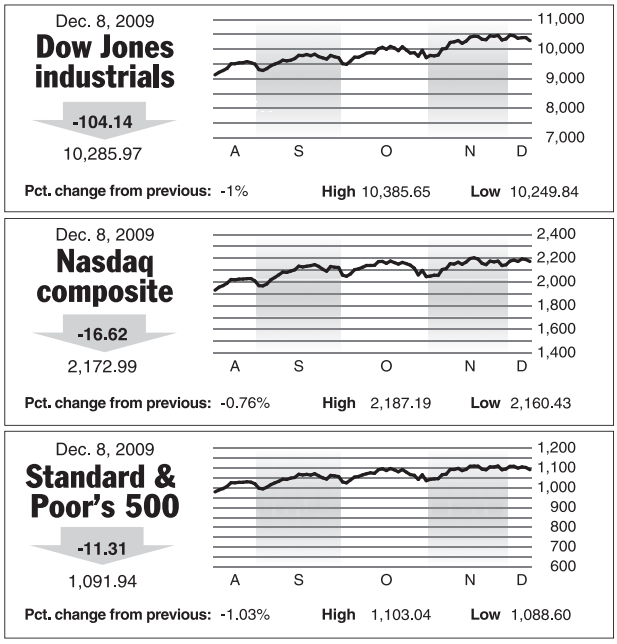
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	4.38

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Rise in temp jobs signals increased demand for labor

BY TONY PUGH
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Last January, Rita Ruggles was on the verge of closing her temporary staffing agency in South Beloit, Ill.

She had only 25 workers placed with area companies, her billings had tumbled, and she was forced to lay off all four of her office staffers.

"I was running the office by myself," said Ruggles, the president of Trinity Labor Services. "I was really thinking that we would be closing our doors."

Today, however, in the heart of northern Illinois' hard-hit manufacturing region, Ruggles is experiencing a renaissance of sorts. She's finding jobs for recycling workers, industrial welders and machine tool operators with increasing frequency. Business is back to pre-recession levels, nearly 100 of her temps are working and her office is fully staffed again.

Ruggles' good fortune is part of a national turnaround in the temporary-help service sector, which has added 117,000 jobs since July, including 52,400 in November, according to new government figures released last week.

That's not exactly a hiring boom. After losing an average of 44,000 temporary help jobs each month from January 2008 through July 2009, the recent surge reflects an increased demand for labor, the kind that often precedes an expansion of the permanent workforce.

"Employers will hire temporary-help workers to sort of test the waters of a recovery before they make a commitment to full-time workers. And we are clearly starting to see that now," said Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal policy-research organization.

After the 1990 recession, the broader labor market added jobs about nine months after the temporary-help services sector began edging upward, Shierholz said. It took about 19 months after the 2000 recession, she said.

"Based on recent past experience from this indicator, we can expect to start adding jobs in the larger labor market at the end of next summer," Shierholz estimated.

The rise in temporary jobs also has meant more business for Bibby Financial Services Inc., an international accounts receivable-financing firm that works with many staffing agencies.

Staffing firms often use accounts-receivable financing because they don't have the collateral to get money from traditional banks, said Bob Jaskiewicz, an executive vice president in Bibby's Chicago office.

"A bank wants to see real estate, machinery and equipment or inventory. Temporary staffing firms don't have that," he said. "They have an office, a phone and employees."

In September, as the industry began to turn around, Bibby loaned $2.5 million to a Texas staffing company that provides geoscientists, engineers, designers and information technology specialists for the energy industry.

Another temporary-staffing company, which saw its monthly billings fall from nearly $9 million to less than $4 million during the recession, likewise has rebounded, with monthly billings at more than $13 million, Jaskiewicz said.

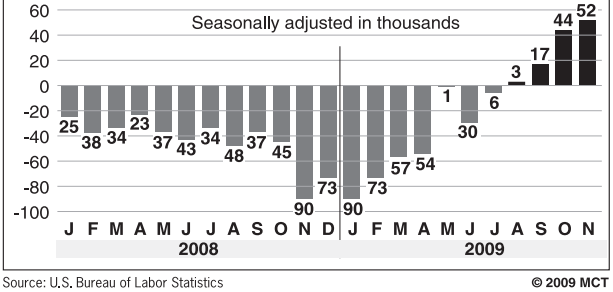
"They're at an all-time high right now," he said. "They're seeing more business than they've ever seen in their six-year history with us."

Temp jobs on the rise

Employment in the temporary help services industry has been on the rise the past few months, an indication to experts that employment in other sectors may also soon be on the rise.

Employment in temporary help services

Month-to-month change, 2008-2009



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Storm hits Midwest, heads eastward

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A fierce winter storm was leaving dangerous ice, heavy snow and vicious winds in its wake as it slogged eastward Wednesday, snarling traffic and closing hundreds of schools from the Upper Midwest through New England.

The storm was blamed for at least 12 deaths, most in traffic accidents.

More than a foot of snow was expected in parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, where the National Weather Service warned of "extremely dangerous blizzard conditions" and near whiteout driving conditions. Wind gusts of up to 50 mph could build snow drifts between 8 and 15 feet tall.

Parts of New England also girded themselves for bone-chilling wind gusts and snow accumulations of up to a foot by the end of the day.

"It's horrible out there," said Todd Lane, an assistant manager of a Quik Trip convenience store in Des Moines, where several inches of new snow was reported overnight.

Although business was fairly normal overnight, it nearly all came from snow plow drivers — most looking for coffee and energy drinks, he said.

"Outside of the city there's 15-foot drifts and people are stuck in them," Lane said the drivers told him. "It sucks and it just keeps on coming."

In Wisconsin, as many as a dozen tractor-trailers were stuck on interstate ramps made impassible by heavy snow where I-39, I-90 and I-94 intersect near Madison, the State Patrol reported.

Blizzard warnings covered eastern Nebraska, where overnight snowfall reports of 12 inches were common, and parts of Kansas and Minnesota. Snow also fell in western and central Michigan. Schools and colleges across the region were closed.

In the West, pounded by the storm's rain and snow earlier this week, bitter wind chills as low as 40 below were sweeping across portions of southern Montana. The biting winds also were moving across Wyoming and South Dakota, according to the National Weather Service.

By the time the storm moves off the Maine coast Thursday night, it may have affected as much as two-thirds of the country, said Jim Lee, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Des Moines.

"It's a monster of a storm," Lee said.

Maine and New Hampshire could see snow accumulations of 6 to 10 inches capped off by rain and sleet in the evening.

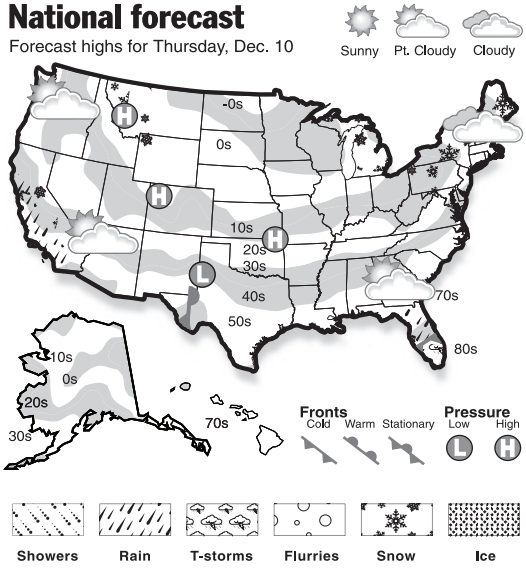
TOBY TALBOT/AP

Charlie Gordon walks with his Samoyeds, Flurry and Misty, in a snowstorm in Montpelier, Vt., on Wednesday. Gordon, a teacher, was helping his daughter deliver newspapers.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 10



More snow in Northeast, Pacific storm hits California

A powerful storm system will continue to move across the Great Lakes and Northeast, producing widespread snow and strong winds. Meanwhile, wet weather returns to California as a Pacific system moves across.

Weather Underground • AP

Wednesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	59	40	pc
Amsterdam	48	37	rn	Lima	74	66	cdy
Athens	59	41	pc	Lisbon	60	50	rn
Auckland	66	57	pc	London	52	41	rn
Baghdad	58	55	rn	Madrid	54	42	pc
Basra	66	52	pc	Managua	91	71	clr
Bahrain	74	66	rn	Manila	88	76	pc
Bangkok	89	71	pc	Mecca	86	69	pc
Barbados	87	77	rn	Melbourne	61	51	rn
Barcelona	65	50	clr	Mexico City	77	51	pc
Beijing	49	21	clr	Montevideo	72	53	clr
Beirut	66	54	rn	Montreal	27	21	sn
Belgrade	47	38	rn	Moscow	23	12	sn
Berlin	41	33	rn	Nairobi	86	59	pc
Bermuda	73	60	clr	Nassau	84	75	pc
Bogota	71	39	rn	New Delhi	71	48	clr
Brasilia	78	67	pc	Nice	64	50	pc
Brisbane	83	72	clr	Osaka	57	39	clr
Brussels	47	41	rn	Oslo	36	32	rn
Bucharest	46	35	pc	Panama	91	75	pc
Budapest	41	37	rn	Paris	50	41	rn
Buenos Aires	73	62	clr	Perth	82	55	clr
Cairo	69	56	pc	Prague	42	37	rn
Calgary	6	-15	sn	Rio de Janeiro	78	75	rn
Caracas	87	77	pc	Rome	57	46	rn
Colombo	87	75	pc	San Jose	83	62	pc
Copenhagen	45	39	rn	San Juan	86	75	rn
Dhahran	75	60	rn	San Salvador	89	69	clr
Dhaka	80	60	clr	Santiago	81	47	clr
Dili	92	77	clr	Sao Paulo	73	66	rn
Dubai	86	74	clr	Sapporo	39	33	sn
Dublin	55	39	rn	Seoul	39	24	sn
Frankfurt	47	39	rn	Singapore	88	76	pc
Geneva	49	39	rn	Sofia	46	30	rn
Guatemala	78	62	pc	Stockholm	39	37	rn
Hanoi	80	68	rn	Sydney	84	68	rn
Harare	84	62	pc	Taipei	78	66	pc
Havana	87	59	clr	Tegucigalpa	81	58	pc
Helsinki	37	33	sn	Tehran	43	37	rn
Hong Kong	69	64	rn	Tel Aviv	68	50	rn
Islamabad	68	41	pc	Tokyo	53	46	pc
Istanbul	52	39	rn	Turin	45	32	pc
Jakarta	90	75	clr	Toronto	37	26	pc
Jerusalem	68	50	rn	Tunis	67	48	clr
Johannesburg	77	60	pc	Valletta	66	53	clr
Kabul	42	26	pc	Vancouver	34	20	clr
Kiev	33	31	sn	Vienna	45	36	rn
Kuala Lumpur	92	74	rn	Warsaw	42	35	pc
Kuwait	69	57	pc	Zurich	46	39	rn

FRIDAY'S FORECAST

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Thursday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	15	B09	PCldy	Erie	26	26	Snow	Jacksonville	57	51	Cldy	Montgomery	53	32	Clr	Richmond	48	37	Clr	Springfield, Ill	23	10	Clr
Abilene, Tex	49	23	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	58	46	Cldy	Eugene	32	15	PCldy	Juneau	32	25	PCldy	Nashville	38	27	Clr	Roanoke	42	32	PCldy	Springfield, Mo	30	11	Clr
Akron, Ohio	24	18	Clr	Charleston, W.Va.	30	24	Cldy	Evansville	30	19	Clr	Kansas City	19	02	Clr	New Orleans	58	44	Clr	Rochester	32	31	Snow	Syracuse	32	28	Snow
Albany, N.Y.	34	28	Cldy	Charlotte, N.C.	53	37	PCldy	Fairbanks	08	B13	Clr	Key West	82	75	Clr	New York City	40	35	Clr	Rockford	06	B07	Clr	Tallahassee	54	45	Cldy
Albuquerque	43	22	Cldy	Chattanooga	45	29	Clr	Fargo	00	B10	Snow	Knoxville	40	25	Clr	Newark	41	35	Clr	Sacramento	50	29	Cldy	Tampa	71	66	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	38	28	Clr	Cheyenne	20	04	PCldy	Flagstaff	34	09	Cldy	Lake Charles	56	37	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	52	43	Clr	St Louis	28	13	Clr	Toledo	20	17	Clr
Amarillo	37	11	PCldy	Chicago	13	05	PCldy	Flint	21	20	Snow	Lansing	18	17	Snow	North Platte	16	B17	PCldy	St Petersburg	71	66	Rain	Topeka	21	01	PCldy
Anchorage	24	13	Clr	Cincinnati	26	20	PCldy	Fort Smith	38	17	Clr	Las Vegas	52	30	Cldy	Oklahoma City	35	15	PCldy	St Thomas	86	76	Clr	Tucson	63	37	Cldy
Asheville	46	29	Clr	Cleveland	23	20	Clr	Fort Wayne	20	15	Clr	Lexington	30	21	PCldy	Omaha	12	B06	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	33	15	PCldy	Tulsa	35	13	Clr
Atlanta	49	34	Clr	Colorado Springs	28	02	PCldy	Fresno	49	32	Rain	Lincoln	15	B08	PCldy	Orlando	67	63	Cldy	Salt Lake City	25	05	PCldy	Tupelo	44	26	Clr
Atlantic City	45	35	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	57	41	Clr	Goodland	20	B09	PCldy	Little Rock	41	21	Clr	Paducah	33	20	Clr	San Angelo	54	26	Cldy	Waco	50	24	Cldy
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Baltimore	41	34	Clr	Columbus, Ohio	25	19	Clr	Grand Rapids	18	17	Snow	Louisville	32	21	PCldy	Peoria	18	05	Clr	San Diego	62	50	Cldy	W. Palm Beach	81	69	Cldy
Baton Rouge	57	36	Clr	Concord, N.H.	34	29	Clr	Great Falls	13	B07	Clr	Lubbock	49	23	PCldy	Philadelphia	42	32	Clr	San Francisco	51	42	Rain	Wichita	25	03	Clr
Billings	18	B03	Snow	Corpus Christi	57	47	Cldy	Green Bay	10	07	Clr	Macon	54	40	PCldy	Phoenix	62	44	Cldy	San Jose	51	37	Rain	Wichita Falls	46	17	PCldy
Birmingham	49	27	Clr	Dallas-Ft Worth	46	23	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	48	37	Clr	Madison	08	B04	Clr	Pittsburgh	25	23	Clr	Santa Fe	37	12	Cldy	Wilkes-Barre	29	27	Cldy
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Buffalo	30	29	Snow	Duluth	07	B06	Snow	Huntsville	44	27	Clr	Mpls-St Paul	09	B06	Clr	Raleigh-Durham	50	40	Clr	Sioux Falls	09	B10	Clr	High: Tues. 86, W.Kendall, Fla.			
Burlington, Vt.	35	29	Cldy	El Paso	61	36	Cldy	Indianapolis	23	14	PCldy	Missoula	15	02	Cldy	Rapid City	13	B06	Snow	South Bend	17	12	Clr	Low: Tues., 35 below zero at Havre, Mont.			
Caribou, Maine	33	20	Snow	Elkins	26	22	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	51	29	Clr	Mobile	55	36	Cldy	Reno	32	16	Cldy	Spokane	19	05	PCldy				

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Raising the bar for troops

This will be a nearly jobless recovery.

Employers have trimmed the fat (well into the meat, in many cases) and will not rush to replace the displaced workers. Did the power go off and stay off? Did Walmart close its doors? Could you not buy a couch or a car or an oven?

Companies are still functioning, but doing it with fewer people. They will continue at this manning level for now, and possibly add positions later when sales show a need. They will be very cautious in adding employees. Impending health care reform is scaring them. Fines on companies and taxes on employees who do not have health care will be a deterrent for bringing on new staff.

Money is cheap to borrow, but harder to get, which it should be. Obviously, exact opposite rules applied during the last decade, when people who could never afford the "American dream" found many generous, unsound programs to lull them into a sense of ownership. These loans turned out to be sinkholes for most who were duped or steered into them, especially for those who went overboard with their newfound credit. They went in upside down and kept bringing debt on as fast as the ink dried on the papers for that new boat or camping trailer to park in front of their (ours, now) new home.

I will say that the military is taking similar steps to tighten up on its troops by raising the bar for current enlistees and career airmen, soldiers and sailors, reducing the "chaff" and dealing with shrinking budgets as well.

So, look sharp, act sharp, educate yourself and continue to be proud members of the best armed forces America has to offer.

Senior Master Sgt. David A. Tilley
Ali Al Salem, Kuwait

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Obama failing to deliver

Concerning "A new concept for Cheney" (letter, Dec. 4): Hopefully, equal time will be granted.

Here we go: Conservatives believe in conservative policy, just like the letter writer believes in liberalism. Just as he can relay all the problems the U.S. has on former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney, I can counter with: When is President Barack Obama going to deliver on at least one campaign promise? (Heck, we are still in Iraq, gays still can't serve openly and Gitmo is still open.)

So, what change has occurred? That was his main theme during the election. Frankly, I have seen none.

Don Parker
Camp Slayer, Iraq

Praising Fort Hood as it quietly soldiers on

BY HAROLD JACKSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The low-slung, nondescript building with a well-tended lawn doesn't look like a combat zone — not now anyway.

But as I was being driven past the Soldiers and Family Service Center at Fort Hood, just outside Killeen, Texas, I couldn't help but think of it as a battleground.

Weeks earlier, it was where 12 soldiers and a civilian were killed in a storm of bullets allegedly fired by a Muslim U.S. Army officer who apparently felt violence was the best way to protest our nation's military presence in Islamic Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was scheduled to be deployed.

I was in town to celebrate Thanksgiving with family members. Among the blessings we counted while stuffing ourselves with turkey, dressing and sweet-potato casserole was that our Army man wasn't near the gunfire.

Like thousands of others at the base that day, he was alerted to stay put, make sure his station was secure, and await orders. TV showed him what had occurred only a short distance from his own building. Thirteen dead, dozens wounded, an Army officer suspected — it was hard to believe.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan was himself shot by civilian police responding to the emergency. ... Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, remains hospitalized hours away from Fort Hood in San Antonio. Said to be paralyzed, Hasan has issued no statements, either directly or through his appointed attorney. But you can tell a lot about his state of mind by his reported actions prior to the shooting.

In fact, since military and other intelligence officials already knew that Hasan had strong misgivings about being in an Army that was fighting fellow Muslims, one wonders why they didn't take action before he exploded. Investigators are looking into what went wrong.

They don't protest to get their point across. They don't shoot up a building to get attention. They do their job, which is to defend this country.

Hasan was supposed to deploy to Afghanistan on Nov. 28 with other mental-health professionals. They are sorely needed in an Army that expects last year's total of 140 confirmed suicides to be exceeded this year. It will be the fifth year in a row the suicide numbers have risen.

... If the major contemplated suicide, he apparently preferred to have someone else pull the trigger. His actions got him that, but his wounds weren't fatal.

... Soon after 1 p.m. on Nov. 5, Hasan went to one of several service centers at Fort Hood, where soldiers are processed prior to deployment. Witnesses say he sat quietly at a table, then jumped up, shouted something, and began firing the $1,100 FN Herstal 5.7 mm pistol that he had bought a few days earlier.

Today, there are no visible signs of the carnage that occurred. Unlike in the civilian world, where people are quick to leave flowers, flags, stuffed animals and other bric-a-brac at the site of some tragedy, a military base dare not suggest that any event could cause it to lose focus from its mission.

Thousands of the U.S. soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan come through Fort Hood. It's also where they return. While I was there, members of the First Cavalry Division came back from Iraq. With President Barack Obama's new surge, some from Fort Hood are likely headed to Afghanistan.

... The soldiers' patriotism does not mean they are without dissent, but orders usually restrict its expression. So, when we civilians hear about someone like Hasan, vocal in opposing the wars, wearing the uniform but not liking it, we are taken aback.

We forget that soldiers are people, too, with their own opinions about U.S. policy, even if they express them only among themselves. Like many civilians, some question whether a "war on terror" can be won when a terrorist can be homegrown.

They don't protest to get their point across. They don't shoot up a building to get attention. They do their job, which is to defend this country, on foreign soil or our own, so that those who would peacefully dissent may do so, and so those elected to make decisions for the public can do that.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Ex-governor stands by clemency decision

BY MIKE HUCKABEE

The nation was stunned by the senseless and savage cold-blooded murders of four young police officers in Lakewood, Wash., over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Whenever a police officer or soldier is killed, the loss is even more profound, for they are the ones who stand between our way of life and total anarchy.

Nine years ago, the name Maurice Clemmons crossed my desk. I commuted his sentence from 108 years to 47 years. I take full responsibility for my actions of nine years ago. I acted on the facts presented to me in 2000. If I could have possibly known what Clemmons would do nine years later, I obviously would have made a different decision. If I only had the same information I had then, I would make the same decision.

Each state is different, but in Arkansas, a governor doesn't initiate a parole — the Post Prison Transfer Board (PPTB) does so after it conducts a thorough review of an inmate's file and request. The board then makes a recommendation to the governor, who decides to grant or deny it.

If the decision is made to grant any form of clemency (the broad term for a commutation or a full pardon), the governor gives notice of intent, and the file is sent to the prosecutor, judge, law enforcement officials, the attorney general and the secretary of state, as well as to the news media. A period of 30 days is allotted for these officials and the public to weigh in, at which point the final decision is rendered.

Despite news reports, no objections were raised during the 30-day response period for this case. In fact, only letters of support for Clemmons' commutation were received, including one from the circuit judge.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 requests for some form of clemency came to my desk each and every year of the 10 and a half years I was governor. An overwhelming majority of the time, I denied the requests. When I did grant them, it was based on the recommendations of all five of the members of the PPTB, with consideration given to input from public officials and my own personal review of each and every file.

TED S. WARREN/AP

Four Forza coffee cups and many red, white and blue balloons are among the items making up a memorial Dec. 2 at the Forza Coffee Company in Parkland, Wash., where Maurice Clemmons killed four Lakewood, Wash., police officers.

Maurice Clemmons was 16 years old when he committed the crimes of burglary and robbery. He was sentenced to a total of 108 years in prison, dramatically outside the norm for sentencing for the crimes he committed and the age at which he committed them.

In 2000, the PPTB unanimously recommended that his sentence be commuted after he had already served 11 years in prison. As per the recommendation, I commuted his sentence to the term of 47 years (still a long sentence in comparison to others for the type of crime he had committed), making him parole eligible. It did not parole him, as governors do not have that power in Arkansas. He would have to separately apply for parole and meet the criteria for it.

Three months after the commutation, Clemmons met the criteria for parole and was paroled to supervision in late 2000. When he violated the terms of his parole, he was returned to prison and should have remained behind bars. For reasons only the prosecutor can explain, he ended up dropping the charges, allowing Clemmons to leave prison and return to supervised parole.

Clemmons moved to his native Washington state and engaged in intermittent criminal activity that increased in violence and frequency. He was arrested on charges of raping a child, yet was allowed to post bail in Washington. While out on bail, he committed the unspeakable acts of murdering four valiant police officers.

I can't explain why he wasn't prosecuted properly for the parole violations, or why he was allowed to make bail in Washington and was not incarcerated earlier for crimes committed there. I take responsibility for my actions, but not for the actions of others, nor for the misinformed words of commentators.

The two professions I value most in our society are soldiers and police officers, with firemen and schoolteachers right behind. The death of the four officers in Lakewood should never have happened. I wish Maurice Clemmons' file had never crossed my desk. But it did. The decision I made is one I now wish could have been made with a view into the future. That decision would have been different.

None of this is of any comfort to the families of these police officers, nor should it be. Their loss is senseless. No words or deeds by anyone will bring them back to their loved ones. Our system is not perfect, and neither are those responsible for administering it. The system and those of us who are supposed to make sure it works sometimes get it wrong. In this case, we clearly did.

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Is Rick Santorum running for president in 2012?

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

Is Rick Santorum running for president of the United States, or isn't he?

I caught him by phone on a people mover at Dulles Airport and posed the question: He's not running, then again, he's not NOT running.

En route to South Carolina on Tuesday to stump for gubernatorial candidate and Republican Rep. Gresham Barrett, Santorum wasn't being cagey, just practical. Whether the former Pennsylvania senator can raise the millions needed for a presidential bid remains to be seen.

In the meantime, he has some things to say. For starters: "I have no great burning desire to be president, but I have a burning desire to have a different president of the United States."

... Santorum is no mystery man. He left deep footprints on Capitol Hill, where he served 16 years — 12 in the Senate — before being defeated in 2006. Since then, he has been at the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center, primarily pumping out op-eds on national security and terrorism.

In fact, Santorum's "Gathering Storm" e-blasts to journalists and others at one time were so frequent that they began to feel like Chicken Little or Cassandra warnings of doom. ...

Though he has tempered the pace of his caveats, Santorum is still deadly serious about growing threats to America's security, the greatest of which, he says, is Iran. ...

While in the Senate, Santorum authored the Iran Freedom and Support Act, which called for $10 million to support groups opposed to the Tehran government. The bill passed but was never funded. Consequently, says Santorum, "When the revolution did come, we had done no spadework and had no way to support them other than to open up Twitter channels. We didn't do the work that could have made a huge difference."

Santorum is equally critical of President Barack Obama's handling of the Honduran constitutional crisis and his hail-fellow-well-met attitude toward ... Hugo Chavez. ...

Some of those fronts are problematic for a candidate like Santorum. Both pro-life and pro-traditional family, Santorum is an irritant to many. But he insists that such labels oversimplify. Being pro-life and pro-family ultimately mean being pro-limited government.

When you have strong families and respect for life, he says, "the requirements of government are less. You can have lower taxes and limited government."

Sometimes referred to as the conscience of Senate Republicans, Santorum also may be viewed as the nation's superego, reminding us of our moral charge at a time of swift cultural change. It is human nature to resist those perceived as morally superior, however, especially in the American Era of Id. Despite Santorum's friends' insistence that he is personally humble and nonjudgmental, communicating that may be the candidate's greatest challenge.

Otherwise, Santorum is considered a fighter, a team player and a principled insider, the latter nearly an oxymoron. As lobbyist Scott Hatch once described him to me: "He may break eggs, but he gets results — more than anybody else I've seen in there. He's very willing to spend his precious political capital on not very politically popular issues."

For his trouble, Santorum's enemies have treated him viciously, as a quick Google search will confirm. But Santorum is ... unfazed. Perhaps when one sleeps only five hours a day in order to help care for seven children ... the slings and arrows of mere mortals are more easily ignored.

Whatever evolves, Santorum is sure to shake up the debate. The problem for voters may be deciphering myths and fables. Is Rick Santorum the fabled Chicken Little, who mistakenly insisted the sky was falling? Or is he the tragic Cassandra, a prophet whose curse was never to be believed?

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Prickly City

BY SCOTT STANTIS

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Marine shot during fight over football

NC HAVELOCK — Police in North Carolina said a Marine was accidentally shot to death when he got into an argument with a friend over the Texas-Nebraska football game.

Police said Johnathan Clinton Rodriguez, 21, was shot after banter escalated with a fellow Marine at a home in Havelock, a town near the coast. Authorities said Rodriguez got into a scuffle with Lionel Loya, 23, who had a gun that went off during the struggle.

Loya has been charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Humpback whale, rope disentangled at sea

HI HONOLULU — Officials said they successfully cut loose hundreds of yards of plastic rope that had been caught in the mouth of a humpback whale.

Ed Lyman, the marine mammal response manager for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, said the rope could have killed the yearling whale because it might have interfered with its feeding over time.

The whale also would have grown into it if not removed.

During the rescue operation, officials used a specially fashioned, 24-foot-long pole to position a folding knife around the rope on the whale's back.

They attached a knife to a sea anchor and waited for the weight of the anchor to pull the knife through the rope. It came free in about 10 minutes.

Group to sue over whooping crane deaths

TX DALLAS — A conservation group said state regulators are to blame for last year's record die-off in the world's only natural flock of endangered whooping cranes, alleging water-use policies dried up food and water supplies in their drought-stricken South Texas winter habitat.

The Aransas Project informed leaders of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in a letter that it plans to sue them under the Endangered Species Act to restrict how much water is taken from rivers that feed the crane's coastal nesting grounds.

TCEQ spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said managing river flows is complex and that the agency "curtails, denies or allows diversions as conditions warrant."

Mother indicted in deaths of unborn child, daughter

MA QUINCY — A grand jury has indicted a Massachusetts woman in the April deaths of her 9-year-old daughter and unborn son.

Fang Chi-Xue was charged with murder in the fatal stabbing of her daughter, and with manslaughter for the death of her 8-month fetus, who died after she allegedly stabbed herself in the abdomen

Prosecutors said she also tried to strangle her 14-year-old daughter, who told police her mother believed her husband was going to leave her.

Chi-Xue was earlier found incompetent to face charges.

Hero pilot donates hat to auction for 2 schools

CA SAN RAMON — The pilot who guided a disabled jetliner to an emergency landing in the Hudson River is offering his pilot's hat to help two schools.

Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger's hat is being offered on eBay. Allie Herson, a representative with a publicity firm working with Sullenberger, said the high bidder will get the hat and a note from Sullenberger and his wife, Lorrie.

The money will go to Dougherty Valley High in San Ramon, where the pilot's daughters attend school, and a sister school, Lockwood Elementary in East Oakland.

Herson said bidding already was at $1,126. It lasts until Monday.

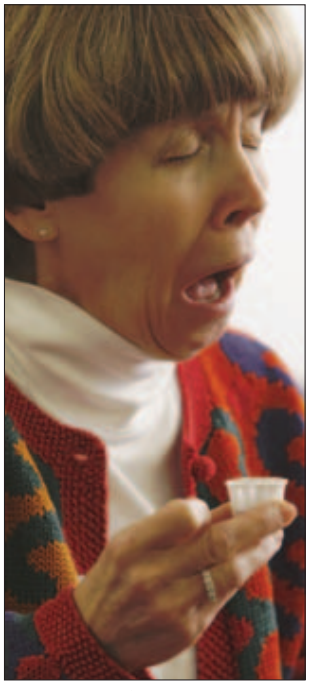
Two teenagers found shot dead in cemetery

OH YOUNGSTOWN — Two high school seniors were shot to death in an Ohio cemetery and police are trying to determine if it was a murder-suicide or double suicide.

Jamie Serich, 17, and Colin Hart, 18, were seniors at Youngstown's Cardinal Mooney High School and lived in Boardman. An officer on routine morning patrol in Boardman found their bodies side by side in a cemetery. A pistol was found nearby.

Police said each was shot once in the head. Hart apparently shot himself, but investigators are trying to determine if Serich also shot himself or if Hart killed him.

Police said Serich had expressed suicidal thoughts and had been reported missing.



No need for seconds

Debra Hartford reacts after sampling a foul-tasting batch of maple syrup in Skowhegan, Maine.

Elusive escaped convict caught on phone tip

TX HOUSTON — A convicted sex offender who led authorities on a weeklong manhunt after pulling off a daring escape during a prison transfer was captured after a salesman recognized the inmate outside his Houston business and called police.

Arcade Joseph Comeaux Jr. was caught after authorities received a phone tip that he was in northeast Houston, said Alfredo Perez, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service. The area is heavily wooded but includes various businesses, a charter school and some residential neighborhoods.

Comeaux, 49, had two pistols on him, but investigators don't know if they were the same ones he took from the guards when he escaped Perez said.

Comeaux also took one of the guard's gray uniforms and black boots, Perez said.

Woman is convicted of lying about rape

NY NEW YORK — A New Jersey woman whose false story about a gang rape sent an innocent man to prison has pleaded guilty to perjury.

Biurny Peguero told police she was kidnapped and raped at knifepoint in 2005 by three men, including William McCaffrey.

McCaffrey was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison. He served three years before Peguero admitted last spring she had lied. New tests showed DNA from a bite on her arm wasn't from McCaffrey, and he was released in August.

Peguero pleaded guilty in state Supreme Court in Manhattan. The married mother of two from Union City, N.J., faces a maximum seven years in prison.

More than 500 allege priest abuse in claims

WA SPOKANE — More than 500 people in the Northwest filed claims against the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus in advance of a November deadline, alleging members of the Catholic order sexually abused them as children.

The Spokesman-Review in Spokane reported the claims against the Jesuits span decades and range from Native Alaskan children to students at a local prep school.

A federal judge overseeing the Chapter 11 reorganization of the province set a Nov. 30 deadline for people to file the claims. The organization includes Jesuits in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

The Jesuits already have settled 200 additional sex-abuse claims.

A snowy sendoff

Snow falls as a replica of a ship sailed by Christopher Columbus departs Maysville, Ky.

Moon shot

Photographers come out at sunrise to snap a shot of the near-full moon over the Olympic Mountains at the Lions Park Dock in Bremerton, Wash.

Young Kandinskys

Adina Alterman, 5, of Franklin, Mich., stands in front of entries, including hers, in the Hillel Day School's Art from the Heart exhibition. Kindergartners at the school painted watercolors inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky.

Zip and slide

Bob Bannon of Camp Hill, Pa., zips down a frozen mountain road performing a slide turn on his skateboard in Rye, Pa.

The final frontier

SpaceShipTwo, a spacecraft designed to rocket wealthy tourists into space as early as 2011, is unveiled in Mojave, Calif. The project is bankrolled by Virgin Galactic founder and British billionaire Sir Richard Branson, who partnered with famed aviation designer Burt Rutan.

When the sleigh is in the shop

Snowboarding and skiing Santas hit the slopes during the 10th annual Santa Sunday at Sunday River ski resort in Newry, Maine.

Woman's handbag caught in door of train

MA BOSTON — A woman who was pulled along the platform after her handbag got caught in the door of a Boston subway train is weighing legal action against the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Betty Velasquez told WHDH-TV that she lost consciousness after hitting a wall, temporarily lost feeling in her arm, suffers dizzy spells and missed several weeks of work. Velasquez said she still suffers migraines as a result of last month's incident at South Station.

Surveillance video released by the MBTA shows the door of the Red Line train closing on the woman's handbag and the woman being pulled alongside the train for several yards. She said she struck her head against a wall after freeing herself.

Rare Italian sports car seized from showroom

CA SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO — Federal agents have seized a rare Italian sports car they believe was illegally imported by a California man and his co-conspirators.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials alleged that automotive engineer Claudio Zampolli, the creator of the 1994 Cizeta, brought it into the country in 2001 for maintenance and repairs. It is one of fewer than a dozen produced and sold for about $600,000. It was supposed to be exported within a year.

The government said the vehicle's stay in the country violates customs rules. They said it is illegal to sell the car because it does not meet U.S. environmental and safety standards.

Police: 13-year-old girl led high-speed car chase

PA LEBANON — Police said a 13-year-old girl led state troopers on a nine-mile chase in central Pennsylvania at speeds of more than 100 mph.

Authorities said the pursuit started when troopers saw a driver weaving in and out of her lane on Interstate 81 in Swatara Township.

Police said the driver wouldn't stop when they tried to pull her over. The pursuit continued onto Interstate 78. Police said the girl finally stopped the 1994 Pontiac Grand Am on an off-ramp near Fredericksburg.

Troopers said the girl was taken into custody and charged with several violations.

Jury in pipeline case rules for gas company

NM ROSWELL — Jurors have rejected emotional distress claims by firefighters and rescue workers who responded to an August 2000 pipeline explosion near Carlsbad, finding El Paso Natural Gas Co. did not show "intentional or reckless disregard" for their safety.

The verdict followed several weeks of testimony.

Attorneys for the first responders argued the firefighters and rescue workers were entitled to damages from El Paso Natural Gas for what they claimed was a lack of maintenance on a high-pressure gas pipeline that led to the explosion.

A fireball from the explosion killed 12 members of an extended family, including four children, that had been camping along the Pecos River.

Gas line explodes at factory, killing 1 man

IL BELVIDERE — Flying debris from an explosion at a northern Illinois technology plant killed a man at a nearby highway rest stop.

Illinois Tollway spokeswoman Joelle McGinnis said the victim was a customer at a toll road oasis on Interstate 90, which has several restaurants and a gasoline station. McGinnis said Illinois State Police were trying to contact the man's family. Police in Belvidere, Ill., said a gas line exploded at the NKD America plant, which makes synthetic crystals for computers.

Fake fire hydrant draws attention in Houston

TX HOUSTON — Houston city workers mistakenly thought a fake fire hydrant was the real thing, painted it blue and gave it a serial number.

The homeowner realized the mistake and contacted the city.

Debbie Vogelsang said she was concerned that painting the old hydrant in the city's colors could cause dangerous confusion during a fire.

Her boyfriend, Brian Smith, bought the surplus fire hydrant at a garage sale three years ago, painted it red and plopped it next to his palm trees.

A Houston maintenance worker repainted it yellow and blue and added a serial number.

Cruise line: FBI probes missing cruise chef

CA LOS ANGELES — A cruise line said the FBI is investigating the disappearance of an Italian chef who might have gone overboard from an American cruise ship.

The probe was initiated after the Princess Cruises' Coral Princess docked at the Port of Los Angeles.

Cruise spokeswoman Julie Benson said Angelo Faliva, 31, was last seen Nov. 26 as the ship sailed from Aruba to Colombia. Benson said a search of the ship and a review of security cameras came up empty.

Faliva's family said they were told he unexpectedly left the galley while working the dinner shift and never returned.

Murder suspect found dead in victim's SUV

WI MADISON — A coroner said a Wisconsin man wanted in the deaths of his two young children and their mothers likely killed himself.

Police found the body of Tyrone Adair, 38, in the car of one of his victims in Cottage Grove, a village 15 miles east of Madison. He had died of a gunshot wound.

Police began searching for Adair after they found Amber Weigel, 25, and Neveah Weigel-Adair, 2 — Weigel and Adair's daughter — shot in Madison. Officers found Tracy Judd, 33, and her daughter by Adair, Deja Adair, 23 months, dead in suburban Middleton later the same day.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

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Imagine a world in which everyone was like you. You might enjoy it for a while, but not for long. You appreciate what others can do, especially when it's something you cannot do. The moon in the sign of partnership for much of the day urges us to find one with equal and opposite strengths and skills to team up with for a common aim.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). Team up. Relationships push you to your full potential. Through the next six weeks, your social grace is matched by your curiosity. You will constantly seek to understand others, which gives you a psychological edge. You'll win games in March. Your hard work bolsters your savings account in June. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A collaboration will turn out better than any person involved could have imagined doing alone. You'll be pleased with what you can produce when you work with a team.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the mighty fall, it gives everyone else a certain secret thrill. It's only human nature to take pleasure in feeling superior to a powerful person. Override human nature and offer your sincere compassion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You carry yourself with attitude. You really believe that if people like you, that's great. If not, that's fine, too. You are who you are, and it feels brilliant to live as you do — honestly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Needy, clingy people will be attracted to you because you have so much to give. Consciously develop your manner of being around these people. Know your boundaries. Make some rules for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You usually get a strong feeling about people within the first few moments of knowing them, and right now this instinct is even more powerful. It will help you be more selective about who you let in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you have a knack for picking those whose star is on the rise, you are capable of doing amazing things on your own. Remember this today. Believe it at the very core of your being and you will attract the best and brightest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've always had a unique charisma and style, though some people have not been astute enough to notice. Today you'll get the attention of the people who overlooked your attractiveness before. The spotlight warms your soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wouldn't mind making a few new friends — especially those who are fun, interesting and connected. This is just the day to do it. You'll look approachable, and therefore, people will approach you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll realize for the first time why something you did in the past was a mistake. A pang of remorse is a natural reaction, but don't dwell there. Take the lesson and march on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be asked to do things that are a little out of your usual realm — for instance, to get up on the dance floor or have a drink with someone. Say yes. It's just a few minutes, not a lifetime commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The getting-to-know-you stage of a relationship is fun, but there's no time to waste. Move things along. Find out what a person admires in others and you'll have a clue as to what this person is looking for in a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be like a caricature artist in your mind. You will be able to take a person's characteristics and exaggerate them. This helps you understand who you are dealing with. And use the technique on yourself, too!

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Difficulty: Very Hard

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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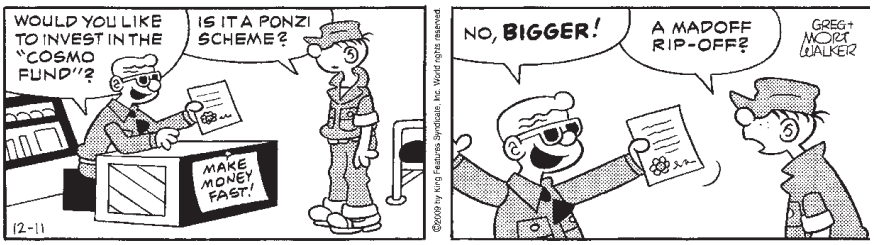
Beetle Bailey



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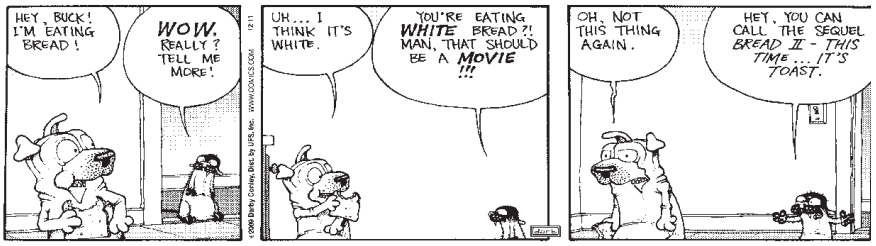

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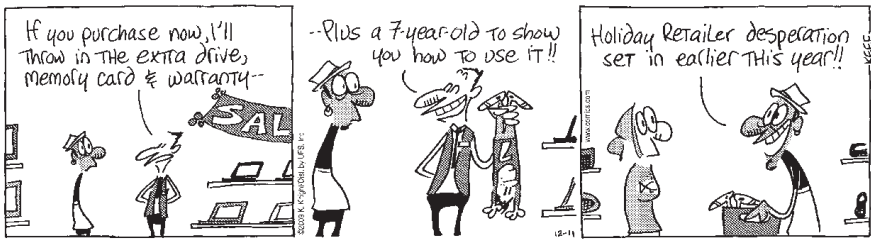

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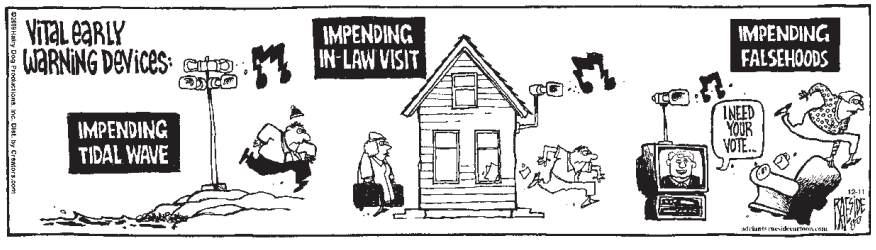

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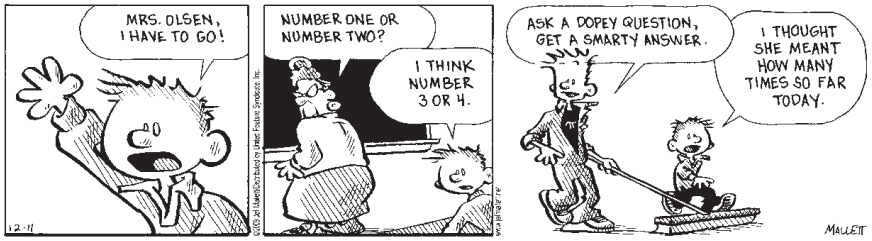

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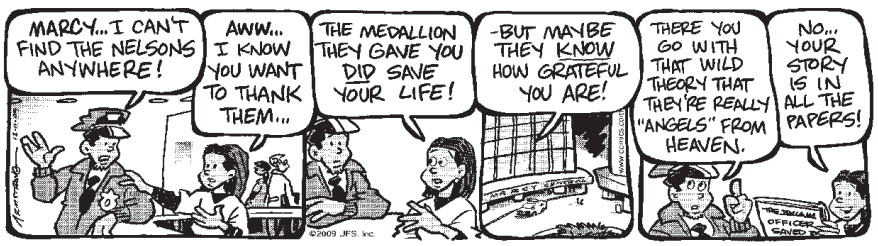

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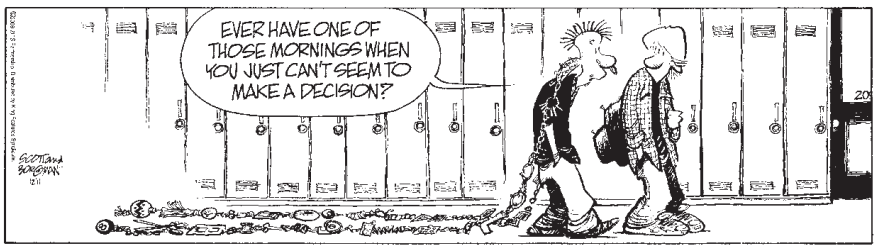

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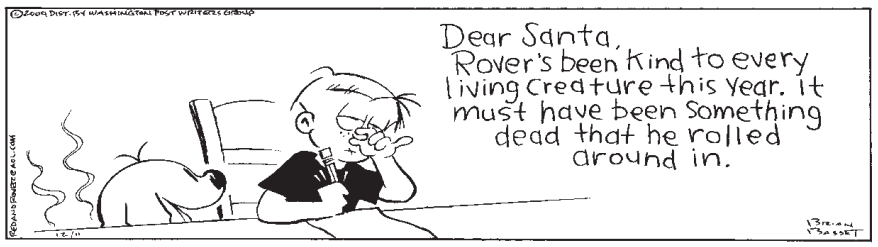

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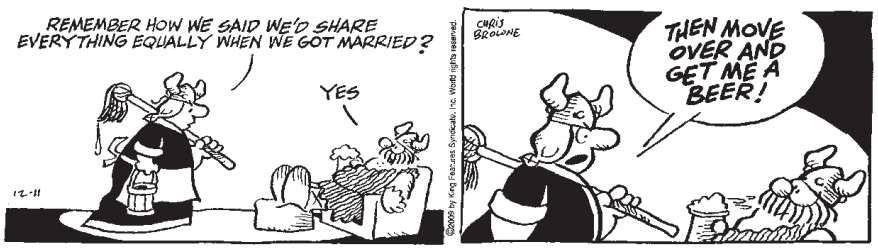

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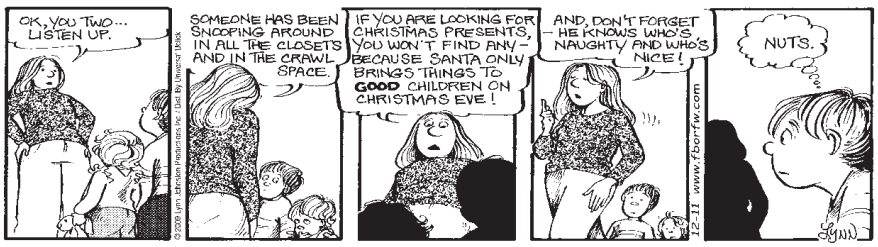

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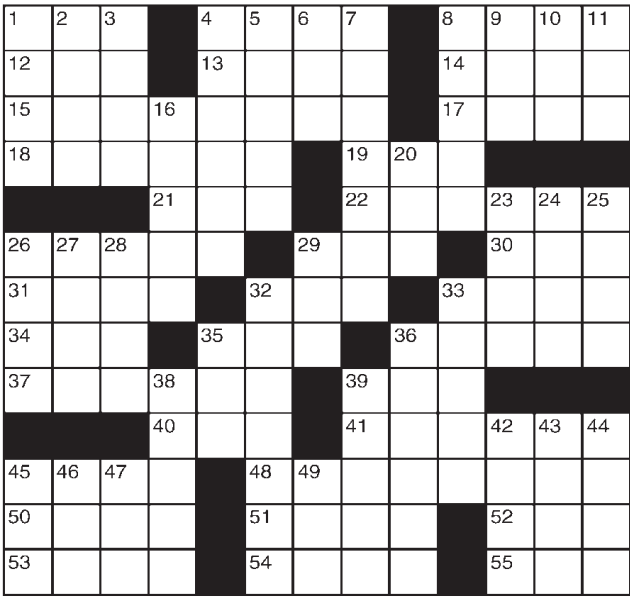

ACROSS

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4 Circulate
8 Wield an axe
12 Blackbird
13 Staffer
14 Posterior
15 Chickening-out feeling
17 Aware of
18 Rectangular
19 Spread seeds
21 Chart format
22 Excessively
26 Old anesthetic
29 Conk out
30 Born
31 Curds' mate
32 Parcel of land
33 Pack cargo
34 Historic time
35 Jewel
36 Saturn has many
37 Legislation
39 Old French coin
40 Coffee vessel
41 Capital of Oman
45 Creche trio
48 Ready to rumble
50 Not "fer"
51 Parliamentarian, perhaps
52 Lawyers' org.
53 Safecracker
54 Albanian coins
55 Bygone space station

DOWN

1 Mexican entree
2 Uppity one
3 Dosage, maybe
4 Dragon of Norse myth
5 Loyal subject
6 Rhyming tribute
7 Diver's garb
8 Mob
9 Coop denizen
10 Feedbag morsel
11 In favor of
16 Sleepy companion?
20 Inseparable
23 "Do — others ..."
24 Trotsky or Russell
25 Evergreens
26 Basin accessory
27 From one end to t'other
28 Get better
29 Comic DeLuise
32 Humorous hoax
33 March King
35 Wildebeest
36 Almond Joys minus almonds
38 Cake enhancement
39 Smug smile
42 Study all night
43 Both (Pref.)
44 Autocrat
45 Spring part
46 Time of your life?
47 Showbiz job
49 "Ulalume" writer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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12-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SIGN THEY HAD TO PLACE ON THE DOOR AT THE SOLD-OUT CARPENTRY SYMPOSIUM: "SANDING ROOM ONLY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals R

Fiance's visiting kids run the show

Dear Abby: I have been living with my fiance, "Trevor," for three years. When his children — ages 7 and 8 — are here for their visits, he treats me like a third wheel. Trevor shows me absolutely no affection.

His children dictate what we will be having for dinner and what we'll do for the weekend they are here. Trevor allows them to stay up as late as they want, and once they go to bed, he goes, too.

Many times he has left me and my 5-year-old son sleeping and has taken his kids for breakfast without even giving me the courtesy of asking if we'd like to join them. Abby, as soon as his children return to their mother, he becomes himself again — attentive, loving and always including me in what he's doing.

I have told Trevor many times how I feel about this. I understand he loves his children but must I be put on hold while they visit?

— Low Priority in Pennsylvania

Dear Low Priority: Feeling as you do, that might be best for all concerned. For whatever reason, you perceive your fiance's visitations with his children as competition. From my perspective, however, Trevor loves his children, may carry some guilt that the family is no longer intact, and tries the best he can to concentrate on them during visits. This is not about you and him; it is about THEM.

Forgive me for not being more sympathetic, but please recognize that your present is a glimpse of what your future will be if you marry Trevor.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I'm a 56-year-old woman. When I was growing up, I missed out on a lot in school because of a hearing problem. I was able to graduate from high school — but just barely. I can read and write, but there are things I should know how to do but can't.

I am very embarrassed that I'm not able to do things most people take for granted — for example, make change. I could never work as a cashier because I know I'd be fired on the spot. I have owned a housecleaning business for 17 years, which has worked out OK, but I'd like to have a job where I'm around people.

How can I learn about money without embarrassing myself or my family?

— Challenged in Tennessee

Dear Challenged: Because you want to supplement your math skills, start checking opportunities that are available in your area for adult education. Some high schools and community colleges offer night classes for adults.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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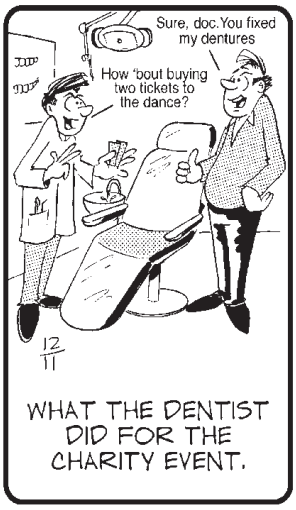


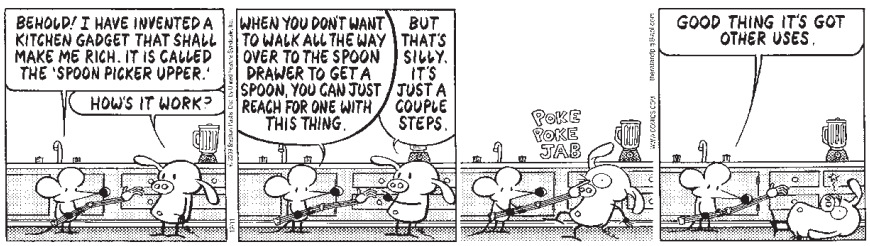
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: ____ THE "_____" ON ____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DOWDY ICING BODILY JANGLE
Answer: The talkative cross-country runner was described as — LONG "WINDED"

Pearls Before Swine



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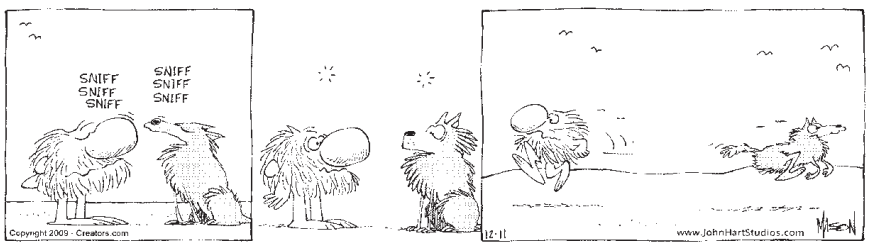

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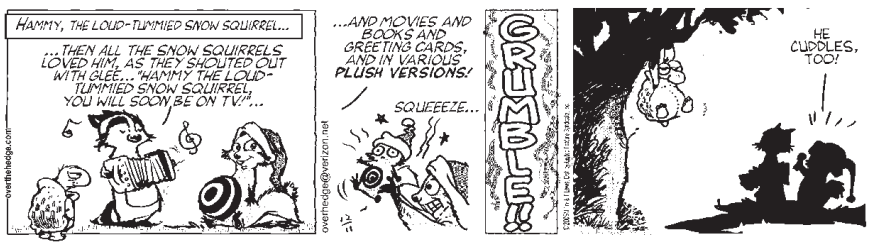

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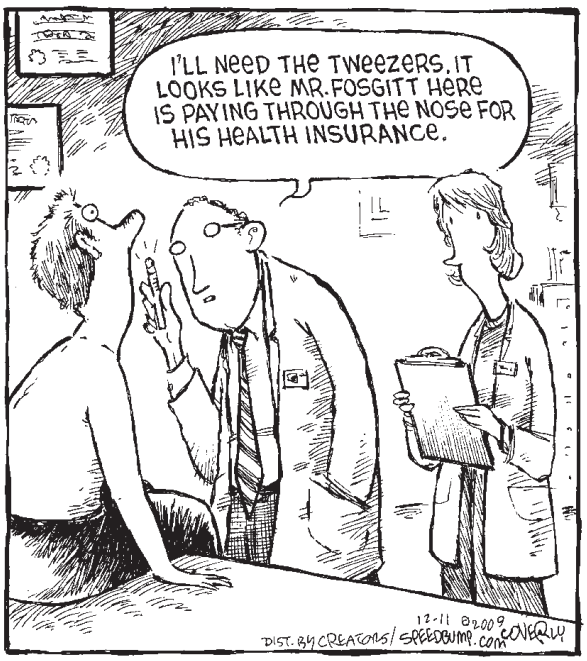
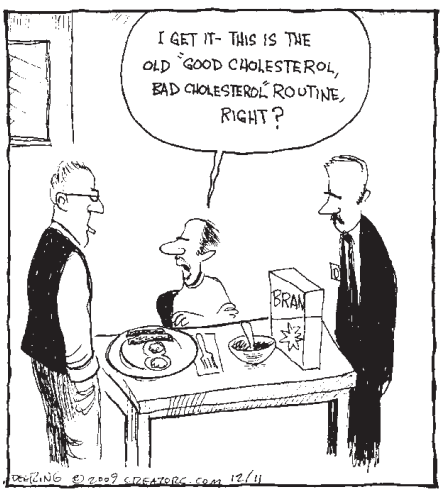


Pardon My Planet

Non Sequitur

Strange Brew



AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at www.myafn.net

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(2:20) Movie "Little Big Man" (1970, Western) Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway, Martin Balsam.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Balad and Beyond	Big Amazing		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Swimming in Syrup"	SportsCenter	
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell				Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Biography "Denzel Washington" Denzel Washington.	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja		Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	FNG Useful benefits.	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Aaron Stone	Movie "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006, Comedy) Meryl Streep, Lindsay Lohan, Kevin Kline.	The O'Reilly Factor	Rules of Engagement	Week-Pentagon	Wipeout		The Hills Holly worries.
19:30		That's So Raven			(:25) 30 Rock	The American Veteran			College Life
20:00	Access Hollywood	Made "BMX"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	ER "The Book of Abby"	Briefing Encore			The Real World
20:30	The King of Queens					Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Pig Is a Boy Is a Dog"	Movie "Rescue Dawn" (2006, War) Christian Bale, Steve Zahn, Jeremy Davies. A U.S. fighter pilot is shot down over Laos.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	Army Wives "Post and Prejudice"		From G's to Gents
21:30						Recon Revisited			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 1 of 2)		America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30			Lord of the Rings		Late Show W/Letterman	Recon	The Colbert Report		

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Aaron Stone "Xero Control"	(11:20) Movie "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001) Elijah Wood. Hobbits and allies begin a quest to destroy the One Ring.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Army Newswatch	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		That's So Raven			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Craig Ferguson.	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Made "BMX"		MSNBC Live		This Week in the Pentagon	Burn Notice "Bad Blood"		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!				Judge Judy	Fit For Duty			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Pig Is a Boy Is a Dog"	(:40) Movie "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006) Meryl Streep. A radio show's cast prepares for the final broadcast.	Happening Now	House House is desperate to find a cure for his insomnia.	The American Veteran	Lipstick Jungle "Chapter Seven: Carpe Threesome"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy
3:00	Rules of Engagement	Degrassi: Next Generation		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Medium "Aftertaste"		The Hills Holly worries.
3:30	(:25) 30 Rock	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				All Hands TV			College Life
4:00	ER "The Book of Abby"	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 1 of 2)	(:40) Movie "Rescue Dawn" (2006, War) Christian Bale, Steve Zahn, Jeremy Davies. A U.S. fighter pilot is shot down over Laos.	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part II"	Sports	The Real World
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		From G's to Gents
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	The American Veteran	Chic and Easy	Sports	SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien					This Week in the Pentagon	Cooking for Real	Jim Rome Is Burning	
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Biography "Denzel Washington" Denzel Washington.	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	E! News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	Attack of the Show!
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs				Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies	Around the Services	Sesame Street	Briefing Encore	ER "City of Mercy"	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Craig Ferguson.	Barbie in the Nutcracker An animated version of the Tchaikovsky ballet.	Entertainment Tonight	NBC Nightly News		Recon			
9:00			Movie "Will You Merry Me?" (2008, Drama) Wendie Malick, Cynthia Stevenson.	World News-Gibson	The View	Fit For Duty	Desperate Housewives	Sports	Sports
9:30	Judge Judy			CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
10:00	House House is desperate to find a cure for his insomnia.	Peep and Big Wide		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Grey's Anatomy "Stairway to Heaven"		
10:30		Super Why! "Rapunzel"	(:45) Movie "Cloned" (1997) Elizabeth Perkins, Alan Rosenberg. A woman discovers her dead son has been cloned.			State Dept Briefing			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	My Friends Tigger & Pooh		Hannity	The Dr. Oz Show	Fit For Duty	Judge Judy		
11:30		SeeMore's Playhouse				AFN Europe Report	Judge Alex		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Ni Hao, Kai-lan		Anderson Cooper 360	Access Hollywood	FNG Useful benefits.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Ellie"		Sports
12:30		Dora the Explorer	Movie "Mighty Joe Young" (1998) Charlize Theron, Bill Paxton. A noble 15-foot gorilla rampages through Los Angeles.		The King of Queens	Fit For Duty			
13:00	CBS Evening News	Raggs		Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground	Challenge		
13:30	ESPNEWS	Bear in the Big Blue House				Around the Services			
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Sesame Street		Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Emeril Live		
14:30			(:40) Movie "The Family Man" (2000, Romance-Comedy) Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni. A Wall Street playboy wakes to an alternate suburban existence.			Downrange			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos		Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Recon Revisited			
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	MythBusters "YouTube Special" YouTube myths.	SportsCenter	
16:30		(:40) A Rugrats Chanukah				Battleground			
17:00	The View	(:05) Movie "A Christmas Story" (1983) Peter Billingsley. A boy tries to convince his parents to get him a BB gun.	Entertainers	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Army Newswatch	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30				Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	EXchange on Air	That '70s Show "Hot Dog"		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil		Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30			Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Air Force Football	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	iCarly Freddie insults Sam.	Band of Brothers "Why We Fight"	The O'Reilly Factor	Survivor: Samoa	Today's Air Force	Better Off Ted		World Poker Tour
19:30		True Jackson, VP				All Hands TV	New Adv./Old Christine		
20:00	Access Hollywood	The Suite Life on Deck	Band of Brothers "Points"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Barbara WaltersMost Fascinating People of 2009	Briefing Encore	Royal Pains "No Man Is an Island"		
20:30	The King of Queens	Aaron Stone				Fit For Duty			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Wildfire Wildfire competes with Dani's horse Ishmael.	(:05) Movie "Oliver Twist" (1997, Drama) Richard Dreyfuss, Elijah Wood, Alex Trench. Based on the Dickens tale of a 19th-century London orphan.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Closer "Tapped Out"		South Park "Clubhouses"
21:30						Recon Revisited			South Park
22:00	General Hospital	Heroes Four powerful villains take hostages at a bank.		Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Mango"		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 2 of 2)		America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30			MovieDuplex (2003, Comedy)		Late Show W/Letterman	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		

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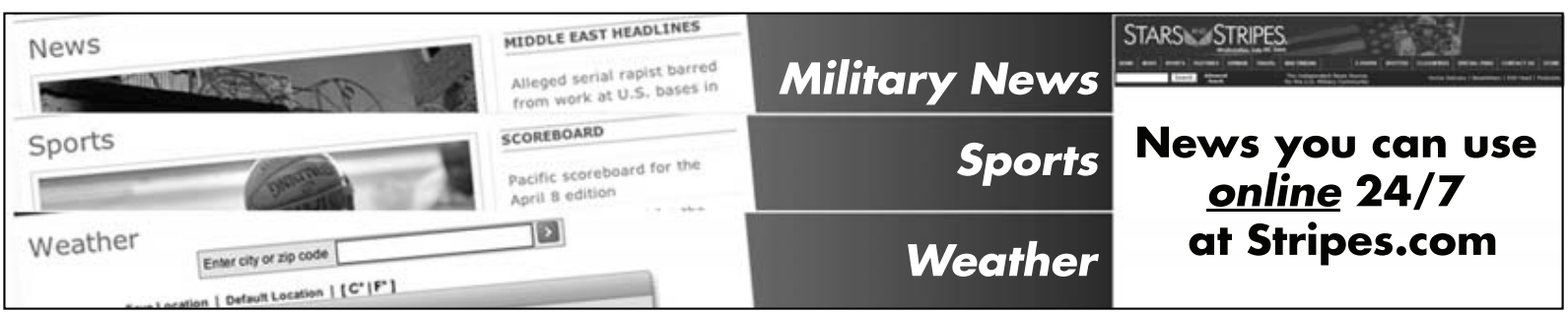
00:00	Oprah Winfrey	iCarly Freddie insults Sam.	(11:30) Movie "Duplex" (2003) Ben Stiller, Drew Barrymore.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Today's Air Force	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		True Jackson, VP			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Craig Ferguson.	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Suite Life on Deck	(:15) Movie "The Dead Zone" (1983) Christopher Walken. A coma patient develops the ability to foresee the future.	MSNBC Live		Recon	Scrubs "My Dumb Luck"		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!	Aaron Stone			Judge Judy	Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl		Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Wildfire Wildfire competes with Dani's horse Ishmael.		Happening Now	House House is intrigued by a patient's brain.	The Grill Sergeants	One Tree Hill "Ashes of Dreams You Let Die"	Sports	The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Around the Services			Family Guy
3:00	Survivor: Samoa	Heroes Four powerful villains take hostages at a bank.	(:05) Band of Brothers "Why We Fight"	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Third Watch "The Long Guns"		World Poker Tour
3:30						The American Veteran			
4:00	Barbara WaltersMost Fascinating People of 2009	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 2 of 2)	(:05) Band of Brothers "Points"	MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	EXchange on Air	Seinfeld "The Mango"	Sports	
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Barney & Friends	(:10) Movie "Oliver Twist" (1997, Drama) Richard Dreyfuss.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Good Morning America	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		South Park "Clubhouses"
5:30		Oobi				Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	South Park



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Atsugi - '98 Nissan Skyline 25GT (ER34), 90k km; all NEW sports muffler, air filter, shocks, antiroll bar. New oil, filters, AT fluid, brake padsfluid. JCIBase inspection til Dec2010. Asking 5000USD. Available NOW. Call James at 080-6712-7230.

Yokosuka - 2000 Toyota Nadia. 4-door grey hatchback, 4-cyl automatic, 93000km, AM/FM/CD/TV/navigation system, power steering/locks/windows/ mirrors, JCI Apr 2011, reliable, good condition, $2800 OBO. Ted, 243-7667 days, 090-6505-0046 evenings. satoshaw1@yahoo.com

Yokosuka - '95 Nissan Skyline for sale. HIGHLY modified with GT-R everything except AWD. Upgrades include GT-R engine, tuned ECU, HKS coil overs, HKS turbos, sway bars, 650cc injectors, and MUCH more. VERY fast and has only 43K km. $9500. Call 080-4191-1287 or email psychmajor87@yahoo.com

Yokota - 1992 Eunos Roadster (Mazda Miata). Red with black convertible top. 1.6L 4 cyl, Automatic, PW, AC. CD/MP3 Player with Aux-in. 97K Km, JCI good till Mar 2011 $1500 OBO 267-6312

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Yokota, Japan - 1989 Toyota Hilux Surf 4x4 (aka-4runner Grey/silver has minor dent's, blemishes in paint - it's an 89. Everything works passed JCI with flying colors. Found dim head lights (fixed), fog light out (fixed). Two years of fresh JCI until 1Dec11 asking $3000 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Toyota Corolla II. Excellent condition no problems since I bought it 3 years ago. A/C works great w/ CD player Very dependable. Perfect car for off base narrow streets, Best car out there! JCI due Dec 2010. Must sell immediately Asking $900 I will post a picture soon. Please email ronel.maquindang@yokota.af.mil or call 323-338-7568

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Mark II Tourer twin turbo low mileage V- the car is twin turbo/automatic and runs great! It has roughly 50,000 km., which is very low for a car this year. it has an his exhaust, hks fully adjustable coilovers, turbo timer, new tires, Carrozzeria CD player and an extra set of rims and tires. For more information and pictures contact me at 090-6301-4553 or 301-476-4337 the price is negotiable. JCI until July 2010 asking $2500 OBO Please call 090-6301-4583

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Honda Inspire (Accord) Awesome Car but have short notice assignment so must sell. 104K, Automatic, custom stereo, everything works-JCI until Sep 2011 Asking $1,200.00 Please contact Randy Richert (763) 354-3566

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Rav4 for sale. New Timing belt, Good paint and good interior with a few scratches and dings Room for 4. Large cargo area Runs well. Heat A/C and full power, JCI until July 2011 asking $2250 Please email reganvmasi@yahoo.com or email (415) 692-8286

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Mitsubishi Diamante (PCS'ing) Dependable Car, Just passed 100,000km. Commuted DAILY between Yokota and Camp Zama for 2.5 yrs. Amazing A/C & Heat Dual Air Bags, Power Steering, windows, locks, mirrors. Comes with Japanese Toll Card Reader Installed, New front tires & Oil Change (1st Week of Nov). JCI expire Feb 2010 asking $2300 Car will be available 16 Dec 2009. Contact: Janna 080-676-596-85 or 225-3061 or email janna.rhodes.ctr@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Mazda Demio - Available immediately Small car w/ lots of room, Silver 4-door hatchback, easy to drive and park in Japan. 4 snow tires included. 106,000 km. JCI expire July 2011 asking $1500 Contact Matt at 080-3081-9796 or email mcj230s@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Toyota Hi Lux Surf (4Runner) Very Clean, silver on blue, 4Cyl, 4X4, 48,000km, new tires, Inspection Nov 2011, JCI Dec 2011, carry anything, go anywhere, 080-1165-4165 mobile, 243-2879 base. Make offer. Yokosuka Asking $ 4250.00 Please email tommski@yahoo.com or call Thomas Sinclair 080-1165-4165

Yokota, Japan - 2000 MR-S S-edition Red, Convertible, CD&MD, DVD Navigation, 65400km, Good condition JCI until Dec 2009 Asking 60,000 yen Please email wisdomteethjp@yahoo.co.jp

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Nissan Bassara, 7 passenger Van, Navi.TV 2000 captain's chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests. Keyless entry with 2 remotes and 2 keys, CD/Navigator./TV, system, Drives like new still. 2nd owner, Oil changed every 3 months, never had one problem with van. With stock Nissan Alloy 16 inch rims. Body and interior in great shape, Strong engine Ka24De, Billet grill, great for long trips Must Sell Soon. No major problems for JCI, SO Call Dave @ 080-5519-2722 and make offer.

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda Vamos - Yellow Plate! Black, AM/FM, CD, automatic, 4 doors, 109,100 km Available immediately JCI until 28 Jan 2011 asking $3300 Contact Jennifer 646-957-9502 or 080-3514-3733 for more information

Yokota, Japan - '94 Toyota Levin - PCS ASAP! REDUCED! 1994 Toyota Levin Red 2 Door coupe Automatic Transmission 91,000km New Front Tires and Battery last year Drive's great! Never had a single maintenance problem! PCS'ing 2 Dec so must sell! JCI until April 2010 asking $800 OBO Please call Dan 090-1732-2663

Yokota, Japan - Black Nissan Gloria VIP Brougham Reduced Price Worth every penny my lost your gain. Powerful smooth drive, JCI until March 2011 Asking 380,000Yen Please jryram@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 2004 Toyota Voxy JCI until Sep 2011 81627 Km (about 50800 Miles) 3 Row seating for 7 and 5 Doors for ease of access AM/FM/CD/MD/HDD/Navigation Rearview Camera Tires just replaced In May I had a complete check at Toyo pet to ensure it's in good working order. JCI just performed in September. (Due Sep 2011) This is a GREAT van that I hate to sell. My loss is a gain for someone else. This is the perfect vehicle for a family that is in need of a reliable vehicle with lots of space. Similar vehicles are selling in the local area for over 1,300,000 yen. Asking $ $9500 Please Jim 080-6758-9769

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Civic Hatchback in good condition $1500 OBO JCI good until Dec 23, 2010! Low mileage 47,000 K Great and reliable car Cheap on gas and car insurance Power windows and locks Car comes with iPod adapter A/C refrigerant was just serviced! JCI until Dec. 23 2010 asking $1500 OBO Please email Christa christa.sullinger@gmail.com or call 260-572-0517

Yokota, Japan - 96 Toyota Tureno (Black Top AE86) Super Strut Suspension, TRD wing and bumper, Exhaust, Rims, Recaro Seats. Great car but I'm PCS'ing. JCI until Feb. 2010 asking $2500 Please email Johs bishiboy18@yahoo.com or call 080-5932-3231

Yokota, Japan - 97 Toyota Estima - really good condition/ White. JCI not due till Jan 2011, four brand new tires and rims just added, nothing wrong with it, just had inspected. Has moon roof up front, and sun roof in back. JCI until Jan. 2011 Asking $1650 Please call if interested 210-881-4404

Yokota, Japan - Honda fit aria year 2003 engine ;1300cc (1.3 l) mint condition alloy rim, spare key tax paid PS, pw, auto break system ,air bag, automatic, etc, CD/DVD ,fm radio, air con and heater works great, key less entry security system installed good for family and for professionals. 13. Enjoy a station wagon space in a sedan. Back seats are fold able. For more details please contact. 090-1779-5554 (soft bank) for more pictures please visit JCI until July 2010. Asking 3700 negotiable.

Yokota, Japan - Must Sell ASAP! 1992 Toyota Lucida Leaving to Guam here on the 15th Dec and need to sell my Car are on the lemon lot. JCI is good until April 2011. Excellent condition no problems. Has CD player and is wired up for subs and amp. JCI until April 2011 Asking $1000 Contact Ryan Trandell Work: 225-7302 Home: 407-373-1342

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Yokota, Japan - Must Sell ASAP! 1996 Nissan L, Leaving to Guam here on the 15th Dec and need to sell, JCI is good until July 2011 excellent condition, no problems. Has DVD player in Dash new door speakers and is wired up for subs and amp. JCI until July 2011 asking $ 1000 Contact Ryan Trandell Work 225-730 or Home 407-373-1342

Yokota, Japan - Sell Now! Honda Odyssey Ready to sell, The JCI is good for almost 2 years expires Aug 2011. Very clean and in Great condition Price includes JCI asking $2000 Please call 080-4205-7977 or email: kjp030302@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Toyota ED 1993 Great car! 69K, Automatic, Black. JCI, Aug 2010. Everything works. $950.00 price includes original wheels and tires. If you want the custom wheels and low profile tires currently on the car I'm asking $1,200 asking $950 Please call (763) 354-3566

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 2003 Yamaha dirt bike for sale! 125cc Asking $1300 Please 090-6701-6316

Yokota, Japan - 2004 Honda CBR 600RR Some upgrades 2 Brothers Exhaust, Double bubble Windscreen By Pruig, Rear sets, Red devil eyes w/ toggle switch not shown new Red Chain Driven Racing Rear and Front sprocket powder black Recently removed fairing decals L/R good first bike JCI expire 2010. Asking $8000 OBO Please email trony800@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 250cc Yamaha Majesty JCI until 2011 Bell 70mm fork down springs Daytona 60mm down rear shocks Rear shock extenders-20mm down rear Aftermarket side plate holder Muffler Full Aero Kit Daytona Chrome Switches Daytona grips Daytona Bars HIDs White neon, strobes, and LEDs Recent tune up to include radiator, fan switch, and oil change. Aftermarket taillights All new Light bulbs on entire bike 15cm stretch Stainless rear brake line air intake diamond plate floorboard chrome engine covers compare at 650,000+yen off-base asking $4500. Please email grant@fisimages.com or call grant Wilson 080-3755-3434

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Atsugi - Fisher Price Swings and chair barely used $50 and under. 080-3727-0123

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - 17 fully wrapped, unopened boxes. Earth's Best Organic baby cereals ordered directly from Earth's Best. Several boxes each of Rice cereal, Oatmeal and Mixed Grain overbought and our baby no longer eats cereal. $2 a box please call 763-354-3536

Bicycles 220

Atsugi - Cannondale Super V 900 Mountain Bike for sale $1500. Specialized FSR Mountain Bike $1200. Both bikes are in Outstanding Condition. Leaving Japan 11 Dec so must sale at this low price. Call Tim at 08058963260.

Yokosuka - Road bicycle 4 sale. 60Cm Motobecane Le Champion Team. KinesiumSL Frame Full Ritchey and Dura-Ace components. $1000 OBO. Tom @ DSN 243-4672, 046-849-6580

Boats 240

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Polaris 750 wave runner. Fit 2 riders comfortable or 3 kids. Runs perfect trailer included. Just JCI'ed this month, $1200.00 please calls 090-9789-9203 or email chuckandmila@yahoo.com

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Furniture 510

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Furniture 510

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Furniture/Appliances 511

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Home Electronics 570

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Home Electronics 570

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Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Xbox 360 elite 120gb w/3 controllers1 controller charger cable 1extra power supply pack headset 17 games: gears of war 2, halo 3, call of duty world at war, resident evil, far cry 2, NCAA10, NCAA09, madden 10, NCAA basketball09, NBA live 09, need for speed under cover, topspin 3, civilization revolution, rainbow six Las Vegas, MLB 2k8, CSI, and guitar hero world tour w/2 guitars (over 500 dollars worth of games alone, plus guitars, game console and controls) email for individual game prices and or details. Asking $370 Please email standleylindsey@yahoo.com or call 12105479930

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Atsugi - Free to good home 1 yr old Golden Retriever, Contact helopilotward@yahoo.com, 264-7670.

Pets 820

Negishi - Free to a good home: 2 year old male basset hound, no time to take care. Trained and great with children. Shots are up to date and supplies are included. Please Email gardyhawk@yahoo.com or call 08054673115.

Yokosuka - 2 dogs for sale,weimaraner, male, neutered $500. English bulldog female $1000. Both 1 year old, housebroken, Japanese pedigree, all shots, microchipped, crate trained and air kennel included. Both very sweet dogs, I just don't have the time for them if interested please call 246-8476 or if you want pictures email at embry-5@msn.com

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Yokota, Japan -Urgent Sweet Older Dog Needs Home FREE. Please help is out Yokota! Max is a Scottish terrier mix and has lived at Yokota for almost ten years. He is old and needs a good loving family that will take him out to potty and otherwise he is out of the way. We PSC in a week and he needs someone to help him make the best of his last years :) Please e-mail morgian18@hotmail.com or call 214-261-6346

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: WINTER MEETINGS

Source: Yanks close to landing Granderson

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Naturally, it was the New York Yankees who made the first big move at the baseball winter meetings.

The World Series champions reached a tentative agreement Tuesday night on a three-team, seven-player swap that would bring them All-Star center fielder Curtis Granderson from Detroit.

New York would trade right-hander Ian Kennedy to Arizona, and left-handed reliever Phil Coke and outfield prospect Austin Jackson to Detroit, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the deal was not final. Detroit would ship All-Star pitcher Edwin Jackson to the Diamondbacks, and Arizona would send touted young pitchers Max Scherzer and Daniel Schlereth to the Tigers. The teams were working on technical aspects of the trade, the official said, including checking medical records.

"Granderson, of course he's going to make them better," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "He's a pretty good outfielder. He plays with a lot of energy. He's the kind of guy that fits into that landscape in New York, where he's going to thrive within that kind of a situation."

Curtis Granderson, a first-time All-Star with the Tigers this season, when he had 30 homers, 71 RBIs and 20 steals, would displace Melky Cabrera in center field for the Yankees.

Charles Rex Arbogast/AP

Last year, the Yankees and CC Sabathia agreed to a $161 million, seven-year deal during the winter meetings, and New York also set in motion an $82.5 million, five-year contract with A.J. Burnett.

On Wednesday, Andy Pettitte, 37, and the Yankees, agreed to an $11.75 million, one-year contract.

Pitcher Randy Wolf and the Milwaukee Brewers reached a preliminary agreement on a three-year contract worth $29.75 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The deal, which includes a $10 million option for 2013, is subject to completion of details, the person said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

The Boston Red Sox claimed right-hander Ramon Ramirez on waivers from the Tampa Bay Rays. And here's a twist: The Red Sox have a pitcher on their staff by the name of Ramon Ramirez.

The newly acquired Ramirez was 0-0 with a 3.65 ERA in 11 games for Cincinnati last season. Tampa Bay claimed him on waivers from the Reds in November, then released him last week.

But potential three-team trade was the big news of the day. The speedy Granderson would displace Melky Cabrera as Yankees center fielder. A left-handed batter who could benefit from Yankee Stadium's short porch, Granderson was a first-time All-Star last season, when he had 30 homers, 71 RBIs and 20 steals.

"There's a lot of noise out there. Clearly I can't speak to the noise," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Granderson's batting average dropped from .302 in 2007 to .280 in 2008 to .249 last year. He also had 141 strikeouts — his fourth consecutive season surpassing 100 — and hit .183 against lefties.

Cabrera, 25, a switch-hitter, batted .274 last season with 13 homers, 68 RBIs and 10 steals. He could shift to left, depending on whether New York re-signs Johnny Damon or designated hitter Hideki Matsui.

Detroit, which failed to make the playoffs following a late-season slide, might be looking to cut payroll after a big attendance drop at Comerica Park. Granderson is owed $25.75 million: $5.5 million next year, $8.25 million in 2011, $10 million in 2012 and a $2 million buyout of a $13 million club option for 2013.

Edwin Jackson was 13-9 with a 3.62 ERA this year and is eligible for salary arbitration after making $2.3 million, including $100,000 in performance bonuses.

Kennedy, who turns 25 on Dec. 19, impressed when he came up from the minors at the end of the 2007 season, going 1-0 with a 1.89 ERA in three starts. But he struggled with injuries in each of the past two seasons.

Coke was 4-3 with a 4.50 ERA in 72 relief appearances.

Austin Jackson, 22, is considered one of the Yankees' top prospects. He hit .300 last season at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with 23 doubles, four homers, 65 RBIs and 24 steals.

Scherzer, 25, a right-hander, went 9-11 with a 4.12 ERA in 30 starts for Arizona last season, striking out 174 in 170 1/3 innings.

Schlereth, 23, a left-hander made his big league debut this year and went 1-4 with a 5.89 ERA in 21 relief appearances with 22 strikeouts in 18 1/3 innings.

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Sporting Goods 980

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Yokota, Japan - Hot Fuzz, Starring Simon Peg and Nick Frost from Shaun of the Dead. British action spoof full of laughs and bullets! Eddie Izzard's Glorious, Standup comedy from British actor/comedian Eddie Izzard (star of The Riches) Asking $10 each Please email rcle_37@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Sin City from Frank Miller (300) and Quentin Tarantino. An all-around awesome movie; I'm only selling it because I have two copies. Asking $10 Please email circle_37@yahoo.com

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - To the angel that found my keys at bank parking lot someone at Yokota is AWESOME! After work, and the tree lighting ceremony, I reached for my keys and they were gone. Apparently, I left my keys in the parking lot of the bank today on my lunch. A woman who saw me looking for them inside the Yujo said she saw them in the parking lot. I got there hoping to find them on the ground. but no luck. Panicking (because that car key is the only one that came with the car) I was headed to the security shack to see if anyone had turned them in. For some reason I looked in my car and there they were, on the passenger seat. If you are the person who found them, please drop me an email at vette_chic@yahoo.com or call 512-275-4895. I have something for you. Thank you so much. Tammy Lynn

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - Used DVD's for SALE! 1000 yen each or ALL for 5000 yen + a bunch of FREE pirated DVDs (trying to get rid of them)! Collect in person-Grab 'me before someone else does! Shanghai Noon & Shanghai Knights Pathfinder Unrated I Know Who Killed Me, Dave Chappelle live Dynamite Warrior, The Heart break Kid, The Ex Matchstick Men. Asking $ 1000yen Please call 080-4056-0589

Zama - Fishing gear! Two brand new rod/reel combos. One is a Penn International V rod, V55010TF60 with a Penn Senator-2 114HLW reel. The other is a Shimano Trevala butterfly jigging rod with a Shimano Torium 30 reel. Email for prices and full description. naksoocow@hotmail.com

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—NBA: Portland at Indiana (dld).
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—NFL RePlay: Game 3, Dallas at N.Y. Giants (dld, 90-minute cutdown).
AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.—NFL RePlay: Game 4, New England at Miami (dld, 90-minute cutdown).

Friday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.—NBA: Detroit at Philadelphia.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NFL: Pittsburgh at Cleveland.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—NBA: Boston at Washington.
AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Orlando at Utah.
AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—College basketball: Syracuse vs. Florida (dld).

Saturday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—NFL: Pittsburgh at Cleveland (dld).
AFN-Pacific, 10 a.m.—College football: FCS semifinal, William & Mary at Villanova.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—NBA: Portland at Cleveland.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—NBA: Oklahoma City at Memphis.
AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Orlando at Phoenix.
AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Minnesota at L.A. Lakers.
AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—NBA: Houston at Philadelphia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9:30 p.m.—NBA: Dallas at Miami (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

High school

Japan

Wrestling
Wednesday's summary
Nile C. Kinnick 38,
American School In Japan 24
At Tokyo

101 pounds—Jonah Murray, ASIJ, by walkover
108—Matthew Scott, Kinnick, by walkover
115—Marcus Boehler, Kinnick, pinned Richard Hayward, :17
122—Tristan Barnett, Kinnick, pinned Alexander Harrisingh, :16
129—Eugene Temlock, ASIJ, decisioned Marlowe Gonzales, 2-0 (2-0, 1-0)
135—Elijah Gamble, Kinnick, pinned Ellis Guo, time unavailable
141—Yuki Riches, ASIJ, pinned Michael Watts, 1:07
148—Dereck Youngblood, Kinnick, pinned Riya Ridge, 1:35
158—Ryo King, ASIJ, pinned Devon Youngblood, :36
168—Nick Gibbons, Kinnick, decisioned Harrison Bird, 2-0 (7-1, 5-1)
180—Chris Santos, Kinnick, pinned Tom Jardine, 1:31
215—Alex Pflaum, ASIJ, by walkover
Heavyweight—David de los Santos, Kinnick, by walkover

Girls basketball
Tuesday's summary
Nile C. Kinnick 53,
Christian Academy In Japan 46
At Yokosuka Naval Base

CAJ	9	14	9	14—46
Kinnick	10	12	9	22—53

Scoring—Nile C. Kinnick, Shannon Jackson 27 (11 fourth quarter); Christian Academy In Japan, Anika Taylor 11.

South Korea

Boys basketball
Wednesday's summaries
Seoul American 57, Osan American 46
At Osan Air Base

SAHS	15	8	18	16—57
Osan	13	9	13	11—46

Scoring—Seoul American, Deion Craig 15, Abe Nelson 14, Antoine Daniels 12, Carl Lindstrom 10. **Rebounding**—Seoul American, Deion Craig 12, Carl Lindstrom 8, Antoine Daniels 6.

Seoul Foreign 59, Seoul International 15
At Seoul

SIS	2	4	5	4—15
SFS	16	21	14	8—59

Scoring—Seoul Foreign, Clayton Baker 12, Gal Tesler 11. **Rebounding**—Seoul Foreign, Clayton Baker 11, Patrick El-Hage 9, Jay Lee 8. **Noteworthy**—Crusaders defense recorded 18 steals and held Tigers to 18-percent shooting from the field, Seoul Foreign outrebounded Seoul International 42-22.

Girls basketball
Wednesday's summary
Seoul American 57, Osan American 28
At Osan Air Base

SAHS	13	13	20	11—57
Osan	6	4	12	6—28

Scoring—Seoul American, Destinee Harrison 30, Liz Gleaves 13; Osan American, Arielle Andrews 10. **Rebounding**—Seoul American, Destinee Harrison 17, Larissa Arnold 6. **Steals**—Seoul American, Destinee Harrison 8, Liz Gleaves 5. **Assists**—Seoul American, Liz Gleaves 6.

College basketball

Tuesday's men's scores

EAST
Albany, N.Y. 78, Penn 60
Amherst 98, Emmanuel, Mass. 76
Bloomfield 94, Caldwell 81
Bowdoin 79, Maine Maritime 55
Brooklyn 77, N.J. City 62
CCNY 78, Mitchell 52
Castleton St. 72, Colby-Sawyer 68
Chestnut Hill 87, Washington Bible 71
Columbia 102, Wagner 91
Dominican, N.Y. 75, Post, Conn. 58
E. Connecticut 78, Endicott 74
Fordham 93, Stony Brook 77
Georgetown 72, Butler 65
Goldey Beacom 68, Philadelphia 55
Indiana 74, Pittsburgh 64
Indiana, Pa. 82, Wheeling Jesuit 61
Lycoming 92, Juniata 66
Mass.-Dartmouth 90, Worcester St. 78
Merrimack 101, S. New Hampshire 92
Nichols 82, Westfield St. 67
Pace 76, American International 73, OT
Penn St. 58, UMBC 42
Rhode Island 83, Quinnipiac 74
St. Francis, NY 63, Hartford 60
St. Rose 90, LeMoyne 72
Stonehill 79, Bentley 60
Wesleyan, Conn. 63, Roger Williams 61
West Chester 83, Nyack 71
Wilmington, Del. 82, Holy Family 67

SOUTH
Belmont 83, Middle Tennessee 71
Bethel, Tenn. 75, Brescia 70
Charlotte 94, Winston-Salem 52
Christian Brothers 104, Williams Baptist 60
Dayton 56, George Mason 55
N. Kentucky 77, Indiana-East 66
Nicholls St. 94, Southern, NO 66
North Alabama 79, Miles 67
Northwestern St. 83, LSU-Shreveport 73
Old Dominion 64, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 38
Rhodes 70, Free Will Baptist 43
W. Kentucky 63, Evansville 57

MIDWEST
Cornerstone 68, Grace Bible 62
Davenport 74, Concordia, Mich. 40
DePauw 92, Purdue-N. Central 70
Grand Valley St. 71, Lewis 56
Illinois 79, Vanderbilt 68
Kansas St. 71, Xavier 56
Lake Superior St. at Northland Baptist, ppd.
Marquette 71, Wis.-Milwaukee 51
Mayville St. 73, North Dakota 61
Minnesota 94, Morgan St. 64
N. Iowa 67, Iowa 50
North Central 81, St. Scholastica 62
S. Dakota St. 95, SW Minnesota St. 70
Temple 64, Miami (Ohio) 42
Tennessee St. 70, Detroit 69
Wabash 64, Rose-Hulman 46
Wright St. 66, Toledo 56

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 80, TCU 70

FAR WEST
Air Force 75, Prairie View 41
BYU 81, Arizona St. 68
Denver 89, CS Northridge 82
Fresno St. 80, Pepperdine 72
Nevada 89, Fresno Pacific 67
San Francisco 76, San Jose St. 71
Southern Cal 51, Sacramento St. 36
Utah Valley 78, William Jessup 58

Tuesday's women's scores

EAST
Amherst 85, Emmanuel, Mass. 38
Bentley 68, Stonehill 61
Bloomfield 59, Caldwell 50
Bowdoin 79, Husson 58
CCNY 73, Mitchell 57
Clarion 61, W. Va. Wesleyan 47
Colby 74, New England 64
Colby-Sawyer 66, Castleton 48
Columbia 73, Wagner 49
Curry 75, Framingham St. 66
Delaware 52, Maine 50
Dickinson 68, Elizabethtown 53
Dominican, N.Y. 63, Post, Conn. 47
E. Connecticut 69, Westfield St. 52
Franklin Pierce 67, Mass.-Lowell 62
Georgetown 82, SW Baptist 41
Hamilton 51, Elmira 43
Hofstra 72, Providence 68
Holy Family 74, Wilmington, Del. 58
Kean 71, DeSales 59
Manhattan 65, Army 52
Marshall 56, George Washington 47
Mount Ida 52, Mass.-Boston 41
Pace 63, American International 45
Philadelphia 71, Goldey Beacom 69
Pittsburgh 77, Valparaiso 52
Princeton 83, Rider 57
Rivier 75, Daniel Webster 61
S. New Hampshire 82, Merrimack 67
St. Rose 63, LeMoyne 47
West Virginia 60, E. Kentucky 40

SOUTH
Charlotte 64, W. Carolina 62
Evansville 74, Lipscomb 69
Georgia 71, Tennessee St. 50
North Carolina 74, Radford 48
Temple 54, Hampton 51
Virginia 74, Furman 43

MIDWEST
Davenport 90, Concordia, Mich. 69
Grand Valley St. 71, Lewis 56
Lakeland at Edgewood, ppd.
Marantha Baptist at Rockford, ppd.
Michigan Tech 100, Finlandia 38
Missouri 52, Bradley 46
Missouri St. 88, Tulsa 73
Notre Dame 96, IPFW 60
St. Scholastica 101, North Central 47
Wichita St. 66, Kent St. 55

SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 82, Austin Peay 54
Arkansas 72, Coppin St. 51
Texas A&M 108, North Texas 49
Texas St. 99, Huston-Tillotson 94, 2OT
Texas Tech 70, Lamar 56

FAR WEST
Fresno St. 105, Sacramento St. 57
Pepperdine 62, San Diego St. 61, OT

EXHIBITION
Loyola, NO 91, Concordia-Selma 53
St. Catharine 71, Midway 61

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with INF Mark Teahen on a three-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brad Thomas on a one-year contract.
MINNEASOTA TWINS—Designated RHP Boof Bonser for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed INF Chone Figgins to a four-year contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Designated OF Ryan Church for assignment.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Roy Corcoran, RHP Casey Daigle, RHP Gary Majewski, 2B Drew Meyer, INF Oswaldo Navarro, OF Alex Romero, RHP Ryan Sadowski, and 1B-3B Chris Shelton on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Vance Lovelace director of pro scouting, special adviser to the general manager.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brad Penny on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA LYNX—Named Cheryl Reeve coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released WR Troy Bergeron. Placed LB Tony Gilbert on injured reserve. Signed RB Verron Haynes and TE Jason Rader.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Fred Nance general counsel.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed DB London Fryar to the practice squad. Placed DB Vince Anderson on the practice squad-injured list.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed KR Clifton Smith on injured reserve. Signed RB Kareem Huggins from the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Placed RB Clinton Portis on injured reserve. Cut K Shaun Suisham. Signed K Graham Gano. Signed WR James Robinson to the practice squad. Released WR Keith Eloi from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F Ryan White from Hamilton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned F Mikkel Boedker to San Antonio (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Acquired RW Pascal Pelletier from Columbus for D Brendan Bell and F Tomas Kana.

COLLEGE

DETROIT—Named Nick Deren men's soccer coach.
PORTLAND STATE—Named Nigel Burton football coach.

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	5	0	.583	328	224
Miami	6	6	0	.500	278	296
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	249	208
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	199	261
South						
x-Indianapolis	12	0	0	1.000	331	201
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	225	273
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	246	316
Houston	5	7	0	.417	277	266
North						
Cincinnati	9	3	0	.750	254	187
Baltimore	6	6	0	.500	271	215
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	272	231
Cleveland	1	11	0	.083	145	309
West						
San Diego	9	3	0	.750	342	242
Denver	8	4	0	.667	240	202
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	142	282
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	196	326

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	279	213
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	327	235
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	303	285
Washington	3	9	0	.250	200	238
South						
x-New Orleans	12	0	0	1.000	440	251
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	279	279
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	215	262
Tampa Bay	1	11	0	.083	187	330
North						
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	359	233
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	323	229
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	233	270
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	206	358
West						
Arizona	8	4	0	.667	297	234
San Francisco	5	7	0	.417	245	233
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	243	267
St. Louis	1	11	0	.083	139	314

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Thursday's game
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
Sunday's games
Seattle at Houston
Green Bay at Chicago
Detroit at Baltimore
New Orleans at Atlanta
Buffalo at Kansas City
Denver at Indianapolis
Carolina at New England
N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay
Miami at Jacksonville
Cincinnati at Minnesota
St. Louis at Tennessee
Washington at Oakland
San Diego at Dallas
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
Monday's game
Arizona at San Francisco

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

THURSDAY

PITTSBURGH STEELERS at CLEVELAND BROWNS — STEELERS: DNP: S Troy Polamalu (knee), WR Hines Ward (hamstring). LIMITED: RB Rashard Mendenhall (ankle). FULL: QB Charlie Batch (wrist), CB William Gay (head). **BROWNS:** DNP: DE Kenyon Coleman (knee), RB Lawrence Vickers (hamstring), CB Eric Wright (hamstring). LIMITED: LB David Bowens (knee), LB Blake Costanzo (shoulder), G Rex Hadnot (knee), RB Jerome Harrison (illness), RB Chris Jennings (shoulder), WR Brian Robiskie (toe), DE Robaire Smith (shoulder), LB Kamerion Wimbley (knee). FULL: S Mike Adams (finger), QB Derek Anderson (illness), TE Michael Gaines (shoulder), TE Robert Royal (finger).

College football

NCAA FCS playoffs

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 28
Appalachian State 20, S.C. State 13
Villaonova 38, Holy Cross 28
Richmond 16, Elon 13
William & Mary 38, Weber State 0
Southern Illinois 48, Eastern Illinois 7
Montana 61, South Dakota State 48
New Hampshire 49, McNeese State 13
Stephen F. Austin 44, Eastern Washington 33

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
William & Mary 24, Southern Illinois 3
Montana 51, Stephen F. Austin 0
Villanova 46, New Hampshire 7
Appalachian State 35, Richmond 31

Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 11
William & Mary (11-2) at Villanova (12-1)

Saturday, Dec. 12
Appalachian St. (11-2) at Montana (13-0)

Championship
Friday, Dec. 18
At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Semifinal winners

NCAA Division II playoffs

Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 21
West Liberty 84, Edinboro 63
California, Pa. 26, Shippensburg 21
Minnesota-Duluth 42, Neb.-Kearney 7
Grand Valley State 44, Hillsdale 27
North Alabama 41, Arkansas Tech 28
Northwest Missouri State 35, Abilene Christian 10
Carson-Newman 59, West Alabama 41
Central Wash. 27, Tarleton State 6

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 28
California, Pa. 57, West Liberty 35
Grand Valley State 24, Minnesota-Duluth 10
Carson-Newman 24, North Ala. 21
Northwest Missouri State 21, Central Washington 20

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Grand Valley State 41, Carson-Newman 27
Northwest Missouri State 56, California, Pa. 31

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 12
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
Grand Valley State (13-1) vs. Northwest Missouri State (13-1)

NCAA Division III playoffs

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Mount Union 55, Albright 3
Wesley 12, Johns Hopkins 0
Wisconsin-Whitewater 31, Wittenberg 13
Linfield 31, St. Thomas, Minn. 20

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 12
Wesley (13-0) at Mount Union (13-0)
Linfield (13-0) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (13-0)

Championship
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Saturday, Dec. 19
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Seminfinal winners

NAIA playoffs

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Sioux Falls 48, Saint Xavier 6
Lindenwood 42, Carroll, Mont. 35

Championship
Saturday, Dec. 19
At Barron Stadium
Rome, Ga.
Sioux Falls (14-0) vs. Lindenwood (13-0)

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Pro football

College hockey

Tuesday's score

EAST
Brown 5, American International 2

College soccer

Men's Division I tournament

Third Round
Sunday, Nov. 29
Maryland 2, Harvard 0
Virginia 1, Portland 0
Drake 6, Boston College 4
North Carolina 1, Indiana 0
Tulsa 1, Northwestern 0
Akron 2, Stanford 0
Wake Forest 4, Duke 2
UCLA 2, UC Santa Barbara 1

Quarterfinals
Friday, Dec. 4
North Carolina 2, Drake 1
Virginia 3, Maryland 0

Saturday, Dec. 5
Akron 1, Tulsa 0
Wak Forest 2, UCLA 0

Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 11
At Cary, N.C.
North Carolina vs. Akron
Virginia vs. Wake Forest

Championship
Sunday, Dec. 13
At Cary, N.C.
Semifinal winners

Sports briefs

House panel passes college football playoff bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House subcommittee approved legislation Wednesday aimed at forcing college football to switch to a playoff system to determine its national champion, over the objections of some lawmakers who said Congress has meatier targets to tackle.

The bill, which faces steep odds, would ban the promotion of a postseason NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision game as a national championship unless it results from a playoff. The measure passed by voice vote in a House Energy and Commerce Committee subcommittee, with one audible "no," from Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga.

"With all due respect, I really think we have more important things to spend our time on," Barrow said before the vote, although he stressed he didn't like the current Bowl Championship Series, either.

The BCS selections announced last weekend pit two unbeaten teams, No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Texas, in the Jan. 7 national title game. Three other undefeated teams — TCU, Cincinnati and Boise State — will play in a BCS bowl game, but not for the championship.

"What can we say — it's December and the BCS is in chaos again," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He said the BCS system is unfair and won't change unless prompted by Congress.

The legislation, which goes to the full committee, would make it illegal to promote a national championship game "or make a similar representation," unless it results from a playoff.

There is no Senate version, although Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has pressed for a Justice Department antitrust investigation into the BCS.

PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh, right, is not a candidate for the Notre Dame job, according to Stanford athletic director Jack Swarbrick.

Stanford AD: Harbaugh not a Notre Dame candidate

STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford athletic director Bob Bowlsby said he is confident football coach Jim Harbaugh is not a candidate for the opening at Notre Dame.

In an e-mail Tuesday, Bowlsby said he had talked to Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick and Harbaugh's agent, Jack Bechta, to confirm Harbaugh is not a candidate to replace the fired Charlie Weis.

In an interview with ESPN before Monday night's Ravens-Packers game, Harbaugh denied a New York Times report that he was set to meet or had already met with Swarbrick.

Nevada's Burton hired as Portland State coach

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland State Vikings hired Nevada defensive coordinator Nigel Burton as their new head coach.

Burton replaces Jerry Glanville, who resigned last month after going 9-24 over three seasons at Portland State. The Vikings were 2-9 overall and 1-7 in the Big Sky this past season.

Burton was an assistant at Portland State under then-coach Tim Walsh in 2001 and 2002. He later served as cornerbacks coach at Oregon State before joining Nevada's staff in 2008.

In other college football news:

■ Former Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman was one of a group of 16 players and two coaches to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Among the others were Heisman Trophy winners Gino Torretta of Miami and Tim Brown of Notre Dame and coaches Dick MacPherson and John Robinson.

■ Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart won the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach. Smart's top-ranked Crimson Tide will play No. 2 Texas for the BCS championship next month. Alabama remained unbeaten by shutting down Tim Tebow and Florida in a 32-13 victory last weekend for the Southeastern Conference championship.

■ University of Tennessee officials said Wednesday they are "cooperating fully" with the NCAA in its investigation into some of the school's football recruiting practices.

The New York Times reported on its Web site Wednesday the NCAA is probing the use of hostesses by Tennessee to attract top players. The NCAA has met with four prospects and is expected to talk to two more this week.

Coyotes D Jovanovski suspended for two games

TORONTO — The NHL suspended Phoenix Coyotes defenseman Ed Jovanovski two games for a forearm to the head of Minnesota Wild center Andrew Ebbett, the league announced Wednesday.

Jovanovski hit Ebbett at 9:34 of the third period of Monday's game between the Coyotes and Wild. No penalty was called on the play.

He will lose more than $67,000 in pay, with the money going to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

Slumping Flyers lose injured G Emery for 6 weeks

PHILADELPHIA — Flyers goalie Ray Emery was to undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a torn muscle in his lower abdomen, and is expected to miss about six weeks.

Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren made the announcement Tuesday night before the Flyers played the New York Islanders.

The Flyers, who lost five straight and eight of nine, recalled goalie Johan Backlund from the Adirondack Phantoms, but will rely heavily on Brian Boucher.

IOC withholds Jones' 100-meter gold from Thanou

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Olympic leaders reallocated two individual medals stripped from Marion Jones because of doping on Wednesday, but withheld the 100-meter gold from Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou because of her "disgraceful" behavior in evading drug tests.

Nine years after the Sydney Games, the International Olympic Committee executive board awarded Jones' gold in the 200 meters and bronze in the long jump to the next place finishers, but denied Thanou the 100 gold because she was at the center of her own drug scandal in 2004.

Thanou never tested positive and was not linked to doping in Sydney, but was accused along with fellow Greek sprinter Kostas Kenteris of evading tests at the Athens Olympics and faking a motorcycle crash as a cover-up.

The decision means the gold medal in sprinting's marquee event will remain vacant.

Momentum grows for Pacquiao-Mayweather

LAS VEGAS — Promoters plan to go to Dallas to meet Wednesday with Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones as the momentum continues to grow for a March 13 megafight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Promoters Bob Arum and Richard Schaefer were to tour the new Dallas Cowboys stadium along with HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg and listen to a proposal from Jones to host the fight, a person close to the promotion said.

Other leading contenders for the fight are the MGM Grand hotel arena in Las Vegas and the Superdome in New Orleans, said the person, who requested anonymity because both sides agreed not to speak publicly during negotiations.

Neither fighter has formally signed for the fight, though both have agreed in principle to terms. Promoters are so confident it will happen that they are also scouting sites in New York City for a Jan. 6 press conference to formally announce the bout.

Lynx hire coach

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Lynx hired former Detroit assistant coach and general manager Cheryl Reeve as the team's new head coach.

Reeve spent the past nine years with the Shock, helping them to three WNBA championships. She came highly recommended by former Detroit coach and current Minnesota Timberwolves assistant Bill Laimbeer.

The Shock moved from Detroit to Oklahoma in the offseason.

WNBA targets Bay Area

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — WNBA president Donna Orender announced the league will seek to add a team to the Bay Area for the 2011 season.

Orender said in a statement that a number of potential investors had come forward and expressed interest in relocating the Sacramento Monarchs, but the league would not be able to complete a transaction in time for a team to start in a new market next year.

The Monarchs, one of the WNBA's original eight franchises, ceased operations last month. and a dispersal draft involving the team's players is scheduled for Monday.

Danny Lopez heads 2010 class for Boxing Hall

CANASTOTA, N.Y. — Former featherweight champion Danny "Little Red" Lopez has been voted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame along with 12 others.

Among the other living inductees to be enshrined on June 13, 2010, are: light flyweight champ Jung-Koo Chang, the first South Korean boxer to make the Hall of Fame; manager Shelly Finkel; referee and commissioner Larry Hazzard; German promoter Wilfried Sauerland; matchmaker Bruce Trampler; and longtime Associated Press boxing writer Ed Schuyler Jr.

Posthumous honorees elected by the Boxing Writers Association include: light heavyweight Lloyd Marshall; featherweight champion Young Corbett II; lightweight champion Rocky Kansas; heavyweight contender Billy Miske; broadcaster Howard Cosell; and Paddington Tom Jones.

Spotlight: Coaches have long friendship, similar offenses

SPOTLIGHT, FROM BACK PAGE

Both teams run the triple-option offense and have coaches who studied under Paul Johnson, the former Navy and current Georgia Tech coach.

Ellerson and Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo are "lifetime friends," in the words of Ellerson. In the mid-1980s, he recruited Niumatalolo to the University of Hawaii; Niumatalolo recalled his parents serving Ellerson traditional Samoan food in an attempt to "butter him up a little bit, so I could get a scholarship offer." Niumatalolo stayed at Hawaii to serve as a graduate assistant; he moved to a full-time assistant's spot when Ellerson left in 1992 to become an assistant at Arizona.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him," Niumatalolo said.

There are a few drawbacks to the later date. The game falls perilously close to the start of exams at both academies; Army's begin on Dec. 14, and Navy's on Dec. 15.

"I'm not overjoyed by that," said Army senior wide receiver Ali Villanueva, who is majoring in systems engineering. "I'm going to be like, 'When am I going to start studying?' "

And it could lead to colder weather in Philadelphia. The forecast is calling for temperatures in the high 30s on Saturday. But Navy's two captains — guard Osei Asante and linebacker Ross Pospisil, both of whom call Texas home — are hoping that it will be even colder at kickoff.

"Ross and I are praying for snow," Asante said. "Being from Texas, we've never played in snow — ever. This is our last chance."

Woods' ads nowhere on television

Golfer's ability to influence shoppers takes a nose dive

BY WILLOUGHBY MARIANO
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Commercials that feature Tiger Woods have disappeared from television since his SUV accident Nov. 27 unleashed a flood of reports about his possible marital infidelities, Bloomberg reported Tuesday.

The last time a Woods ad aired during prime time was Nov. 29. It was a 30-second spot for Gillette Co., Bloomberg reported.

A broadcast for his own Chevron World Challenge charity golf tournament aired no Woods commercials, and he was gone from NFL games and other sports programs last weekend.

Woods' ads have also disappeared from some cable channels.

The billion-dollar golfer's ability to influence shoppers has dropped.

His ranking on the Davie Brown Index, which measures the appeal of celebrities to consumers, dropped from 6th place to 24, Bloomberg said.

Before the scandal, Woods was between Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby on the index.

He's now between actress Julia Roberts and former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Despite the embarrassing publicity since crashing his Cadillac Escalade, Woods has had no ads pulled by Gillette and Nike's golf division is not changing its advertising plans.

Celebrity contracts often contain clauses about behavior, but they rarely are canceled because of a star's moral lapses, experts told Bloomberg.

Woods makes $110 million a year from endorsements and tournaments, according to Forbes magazine. In addition to Gillette and Nike, Accenture, PepsiCo Inc.'s Gatorade, Tag Heuer watches and Electronic Arts have arrangements with the golfer.

Bloomberg was not able to reach Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent, or Glenn Greenspan, a spokesman, for comment on the report.

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

On the fringe

We won't look at Tiger the same

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

The passenger was waiting in a long line at Heathrow Airport on Tuesday when he came face-to-face with an Accenture advertisement on the wall showing Tiger Woods walking through the tall grass with a club in his hand.

The man stared for the longest time, then turned away and said solemnly, "I can't believe it."

When this episode ends, and if the key statistic associated with Woods goes back to greens in regulation, one thing is clear.

No one will look at Tiger the same.

Ask yourself this question: If you've seen Woods lately in the PGA Tour's commercial on charity, was it jarring? Almost as shocking as the allegations of infidelity is the swiftness of his fall. For 13 years on the PGA Tour — longer if you go back to his six successive USGA titles as an amateur — Woods rarely was regarded as anything but an indomitable figure. Just like that, he has become the butt of jokes.

His colleagues, who once spoke of him with reverence, now take pity. Even John Daly feels sorry for him.

We knew so little about Woods, despite his being among the most famous athletes in the world. Now we know too much. Woods managed to keep himself out of the tabloids for years, only to become their cover boy.

The big development Tuesday featured another 911 call, another ambulance inside the exclusive gated community of Isleworth in suburban Orlando, Fla. This time, it was to take his mother-in-law, Barbro Holmberg, to the hospital for stomach pains. She was released later Tuesday afternoon.

There's no word when Woods might return. His caddie, Steve Williams, told the New Zealand Herald over the weekend that he expected to be back on the bag for the San Diego Open. That was merely a comment to show he is standing by the boss. Not even his caddie knows when Woods will be back in public.

The last tournament Woods played spoke to his iconic status around the world. He won the Australian Masters before enormous crowds, with so much foot traffic that it kicked up dust from the sandbelt course and caused Woods to wipe the grime from his face.

The woman keeping score on the last day at Kingston Heath whispered to the teenager carrying the scoreboard, "This is the holy grail in golf." Given the publicity and the amount of allegations, Woods might not command that respect anymore. Until this salacious saga began Nov. 27 with a car accident outside his home, few embarrassing moments for Woods made headlines.

GQ magazine caught him telling racial jokes while riding in a limousine. His father once called him the "Chosen One" and said he would do more than anyone to change the course of humanity. A boom mike on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach picked up an obscenity-laced tirade when he hit a tee shot into the ocean. Woods threw a club that bounced into the gallery in Australia.

This is what used to pass as a scandal for Woods. He has been the subject of David Letterman's "Top 10" list twice in the past four months. The first occasion was in August after Y.E. Yang beat him on the final day in the PGA Championship. Then, the unflattering moment for Woods was about his golf, not his life. Among the top 10 excuses why Woods lost: "Would you practice if you had a hot, Swedish wife?"

Letterman poked fun of Woods again Monday night with the Top 10 ways how Woods can improve his image. On the list were safely landing a golf cart in the Hudson River, fixing the health-care mess and crashing a state dinner at the White House.

Even that might not be enough.

Woods is not the first athlete to be dragged down by what he referred to as "personal failings." It's just that few other examples came as such as a shock, even to some of those who are closest to him.

Still to be determined is whether so much calamity off the course will affect Woods inside the ropes.

Accenture, meanwhile, continues to feature Woods on the home page of its Web site. He is standing in the desert rough, surrounded by cactus plants, trying to figure out his next move. "Opportunity isn't always obvious," the headline read.

College basketball roundup

No. 15 Hoyas get a lift from 6-11 Monroe to bounce Butler

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Georgetown dominated inside because of Greg Monroe and the Hoyas had success from the perimeter because of him as well.

The 6-foot-11 Monroe had 24 points and 15 rebounds — both career highs — to lead the 15th-ranked Hoyas to a 72-65 victory over No. 22 Butler on Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic.

"You look at the stat sheet and obviously you see the numbers Greg put up," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "But I thought that was a total team effort. It's easy to talk about what Greg and Austin did, but our other guys were huge."

Austin Freeman was 4-for-5 from three-point range and added 18 points for the Hoyas.

Monroe, last season's Big East rookie of the year, recorded his third double-double of the season as the Hoyas (7-0) used their size advantage to control both ends.

Georgetown finished with a 43-30 rebound advantage, outscored the Bulldogs (6-3) 30-16 inside and held Butler forward Matt Howard to nine points on 1-of-9 shooting. Gordon Hayward had 24 points for Butler.

No. 23 Texas Tech 80, TCU 70: At Fort Worth, Texas, John Roberson scored eight of his 21 points in a game-turning run that put Texas Tech ahead as the Red Raiders overcame an early 14-point deficit.

The Red Raiders (9-0) played their first game as a ranked team since the end of the 2004-05 season, and first for Pat Knight since he succeeded father Bobby as coach in February 2008. They are off to their best start in eight decades — since going 12-0 in 1929-30.

Zvonko Buljan had 24 points and 10 rebounds for TCU (5-4).

Team to refund tickets from Jordan hoax

OREM, Utah — An NBA Development League team will refund the ticket prices to the thousands of fans who went to a Utah Flash game and expected Michael Jordan to play in a charity exhibition at halftime.

A Jordan lookalike instead was introduced to face former Utah Jazz guard Bryon Russell in a promotional fiasco that will cost Flash owner Brandt Andersen.

Andersen said he made a legitimate offer, albeit a long shot, to get Jordan to the Flash's home opener, but took it too far by sending the Jordan lookalike around town Monday and building a buzz that the event really was going to happen.

"We're the first ones to say it was not in good taste in the end," Andersen said Tuesday night. "It just kind of blew up in our faces. We just didn't execute it well."

Andersen acknowledged sending a Jordan lookalike around town Monday and leaking a video of the impostor eating at a local restaurant. The video made it to YouTube and word spread of the apparent "Jordan" sightings. More than 7,500 fans showed up hoping to see Jordan play 1-on-1 against Russell.

Jordan's jumper over Russell in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals gave the Chicago Bulls a 4-2 series victory over Utah. Jazz fans still insist Jordan pushed off Russell. During Jordan's Hall of Fame speech, he said he was motivated by Russell's trash talk toward him during his first retirement.

Rivers on crooked ref: 'I'm so sick of that guy'

BOSTON — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers said he's tired of hearing about disgraced referee Tim Donaghy.

Donaghy was released from prison last month after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal. He appeared on "60 Minutes" on Sunday and on a Boston radio show Tuesday, when he was critical of Rivers.

Rivers said he's "so sick of that guy right now." The Celtics coach said he loves the NBA and hates that "we're giving a guy like that credibility."

Donaghy claimed on the TV show that he bet on NBA games based on his knowledge of other officials' biases for and against certain players and teams. He claimed his officiating was not compromised.

Pacers F Granger out at least 4 weeks

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers, who have dropped nine of their past 10 games, lost scoring leader Danny Granger for at least four weeks.

The team said Tuesday that Granger would miss a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks with a torn right plantar fascia, the tissue across the bottom of the foot connecting the heel and toes. The Pacers said the forward won't need surgery and is starting rehabilitation.

Granger missed a month last season with a torn tendon in the same foot, but still played enough to be voted the NBA's most improved player.

The Associated Press

LANCE MURPHEY/AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Mo Williams, left, fouls Memphis Grizzlies guard Mike Conley on Tuesday night in Memphis, Tenn. Conley made the deciding basket as Memphis won 111-109 in overtime.

NBA roundup

Conley's drive lifts Grizzlies over Cavs

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — With the game on the line, it's hard to imagine Memphis Grizzlies point guard Mike Conley was the first offensive option.

And as he drove to the basket, with Shaquille O'Neal shifting Conley's way, it looked even more troublesome.

But Conley slipped by O'Neal, scooped a shot off the glass and through the net with three seconds left in overtime to give the Grizzlies a 111-109 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

"I was confident I could get in there and try to make a play to the best of my ability," Conley said. "A play like that means a lot, but I am just happy that we got a win as a team. It wasn't just that play. It was the whole game that got us that victory."

LeBron James, who had 43 points and 13 rebounds — both season highs — had a chance to win the game in the final seconds, but his 30-footer over Rudy Gay hit the front of the rim, snapping the Cavs' four-game winning streak.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 32 points and 14 rebounds. O.J. Mayo scored 28, and Gay finished with 21. Marc Gasol had 11 points and eight rebounds. Mayo and Conley each had five assists.

The victory over the Cavaliers, who are atop the Central Division, marked Memphis' second consecutive victory over a division leader. The Grizzlies beat the Southwest-leading Dallas Mavericks 98-82 last Friday.

Celtics 98, Bucks 89: Rajon Rondo had 13 assists and nine rebounds and scored his 11 points in the fourth quarter as host Boston won its eighth straight.

Magic 97, Clippers 86: Dwight Howard had 25 points and 11 rebounds on his 24th birthday, and Rashard Lewis added 17 points as visiting Orlando won its sixth straight.

Mavericks 102, Suns 101: Josh Howard looked sharp coming off a 13-game break to rehabilitate his surgically repaired left ankle, scoring 18 of his 20 points in the second half to lead host Dallas.

Bobcats 107, Nuggets 95: Gerald Wallace had 25 points and 16 rebounds as host Charlotte snapped Denver's four-game winning streak.

Nets 103, Bulls 101: Brook Lopez scored 25 points, Devin Harris hit to the go-ahead basket with 14.9 seconds left and New Jersey got only its second victory of the season and its first on the road.

Hornets 96, Kings 94: David West had 24 points and 12 rebounds, and Chris Paul had 15 points and 12 assists for host New Orleans.

Raptors 94, T-wolves 88: Chris Bosh had 21 points and 16 rebounds, and Jarrett Jack had 17 points and eight assists as host Toronto won its third straight for the first time this season.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	4	.810	—
Toronto	10	13	.435	8
New York	7	15	.318	10½
Philadelphia	5	16	.238	12
New Jersey	2	19	.095	15
Southeast Division				
Orlando	17	4	.810	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	2½
Miami	11	9	.550	5½
Charlotte	9	11	.450	7½
Washington	7	12	.368	9
Central Division				
Cleveland	15	6	.714	—
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	5½
Detroit	8	12	.400	6½
Chicago	7	12	.368	7
Indiana	6	12	.333	7½

Western Conference

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	15	7	.682	—
Houston	11	9	.550	3
San Antonio	9	9	.500	4
New Orleans	9	11	.450	5
Memphis	9	12	.429	5½
Northwest Division				
Denver	16	6	.727	—
Utah	12	8	.600	3
Portland	13	9	.591	3
Oklahoma City	11	9	.550	4
Minnesota	3	18	.143	12½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	16	3	.842	—
Phoenix	15	7	.682	2½
Sacramento	9	11	.450	7½
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	8
Golden State	6	14	.300	10½

Tuesday's games

Charlotte 107, Denver 95
Toronto 94, Minnesota 88
Boston 98, Milwaukee 89
Memphis 111, Cleveland 109, OT
New Orleans 96, Sacramento 94
New Jersey 103, Chicago 101
Dallas 102, Phoenix 101
Orlando 97, L.A. Clippers 86

Wednesday's games

Chicago at Atlanta
Portland at Indiana
Detroit at Philadelphia
Golden State at New Jersey
Toronto at Milwaukee
New Orleans at Minnesota
Sacramento at San Antonio
Cleveland at Houston
Utah at L.A. Lakers

Thursday's games

Denver at Detroit
Boston at Washington
Orlando at Utah

Tuesday

Bobcats 107, Nuggets 95

DENVER — Anthony 12-22 10-11 34, J.Graham 3-5 2-2 8, Nene 3-6 2-4 8, Billups 4-11 6-6 14, Afflalo 1-5 0-0 2, Andersen 2-4 4-4 8, Smith 7-16 1-1 16, Lawson 2-5 0-0 5, Balkman 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 34-75 25-30 95.

CHARLOTTE — Wallace 8-16 8-11 25, Diaw 3-10 0-0 7, Chandler 0-2 1-2 1, Felton 6-7 0-0 14, Jackson 8-19 9-9 25, Mohammed 3-7 9-10 15, Augustin 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Diop 0-0 0-0 0, S.Graham 2-4 0-0 4, Henderson 0-1 2-3 2, Murray 3-5 2-2 10. Totals 35-76 31-37 107.

Denver	**26**	**23**	**26**	**20— 95**
Charlotte	**29**	**25**	**24**	**29—107**

Three-Point Goals—Denver 2-16 (Lawson 1-2, Smith 1-5, J.Graham 0-1, Nene 0-1, Billups 0-2, Anthony 0-2, Afflalo 0-3), Charlotte 6-14 (Felton 2-2, Murray 2-3, Wallace 1-2, Diaw 1-3, Jackson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 44 (Nene 10), Charlotte 49 (Wallace 16). Assists—Denver 11 (Smith 4), Charlotte 14 (Jackson 6). Total Fouls—Denver 24, Charlotte 26. Technicals—Anthony, Billups. A—14,127 (19,077).

Raptors 94, Timberwolves 88

MINNESOTA — Wilkins 3-8 4-5 10, Gomes 6-12 3-3 16, Jefferson 5-16 2-2 12, Flynn 6-14 3-4 17, Brewer 1-3 0-0 2, Love 6-12 6-7 18, Hollins 1-4 1-2 3, Pavlovic 0-1 0-0 0, Ellington 1-6 0-0 2, Sessions 4-7 0-0 8, Pecherov 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 33-89 19-23 88.

TORONTO — Turkoglu 2-11 12-14 16, Bosh 8-18 5-7 21, Bargnani 6-18 2-4 15, Jack 3-8 11-12 17, DeRozan 4-10 7-7 15, Wright 1-6 0-0 3, Johnson 0-1 2-2 2, Banks 1-4 1-2 3, Belinelli 0-3 0-0 0, Nesterovic 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 26-81 40-48 94.

Minnesota	**20**	**15**	**28**	**25—88**
Toronto	**23**	**20**	**21**	**30—94**

Three-Point Goals—Minnesota 3-16 (Flynn 2-4, Gomes 1-4, Wilkins 0-1, Pavlovic 0-1, Love 0-1, Pecherov 0-2, Ellington 0-3), Toronto 2-21 (Wright 1-2, Bargnani 1-6, Belinelli 0-2, Banks 0-3, Jack 0-3, Turkoglu 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 59 (Jefferson 11), Toronto 64 (Bosh 16). Assists—Minnesota 21 (Flynn 8), Toronto 14 (Jack 8). Total Fouls—Minnesota 29, Toronto 23. A—15,167 (19,800).

Celtics 98, Bucks 89

MILWAUKEE — Mbah a Moute 3-5 1-1 7, Ilyasova 6-17 5-6 19, Bogut 11-17 3-3 25, Jennings 7-19 3-3 17, Delfino 5-10 0-0 12, Ridnour 0-3 3-4 3, Bell 1-3 0-0 2, Warrick 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 34-79 17-19 89.

BOSTON — Pierce 5-9 5-6 15, Garnett 9-13 7-9 25, Perkins 7-8 1-2 15, Rondo 3-9 5-7 11, R.Allen 4-9 3-3 13, House 1-7 1-2 4, Wallace 5-8 0-0 13, T.Allen 0-0 0-2 0, Scalabrine 1-4 0-0 2, Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-67 22-31 98.

Milwaukee	**27**	**21**	**23**	**18—89**
Boston	**26**	**23**	**22**	**27—98**

Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 4-15 (Delfino 2-4, Ilyasova 2-6, Bell 0-1, Jennings 0-4), Boston 6-18 (Wallace 3-4, R.Allen 2-4, House 1-4, Scalabrine 0-2, Rondo 0-2, Pierce 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 48 (Bogut 14), Boston 40 (Rondo, Garnett 9). Assists—Milwaukee 22 (Delfino, Bogut 5), Boston 24 (Rondo 13). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 19, Boston 23. Technicals—Milwaukee Coach Skiles, Milwaukee defensive three second 2. A—18,624 (18,624).

Grizzlies 111, Cavs 109 (OT)

CLEVELAND — James 14-29 11-12 43, Hickson 1-4 0-0 2, O'Neal 7-13 2-4 16, M. Williams 6-15 5-5 20, Parker 1-3 0-0 2, Varejao 2-6 1-3 5, Ilgauskas 3-8 0-0 6, Gibson 5-7 0-0 13, West 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 40-90 19-24 109.

MEMPHIS — Gay 9-22 2-6 21, Randolph 10-19 11-11 32, Gasol 5-12 1-3 11, Conley 3-8 5-6 12, Mayo 10-18 5-5 28, Young 1-4 1-1 3, Thabeet 1-1 0-0 2, Tinsley 0-2 0-0 0, Haddadi 1-4 0-0 2, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0, Ma.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-91 25-32 111.

Cleveland	**31**	**28**	**19**	**22**	**9—109**
Memphis	**25**	**23**	**28**	**24**	**11—111**

Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 10-24 (James 4-11, Gibson 3-3, M. Williams 3-7, West 0-1, Parker 0-2), Memphis 6-14 (Mayo 3-4, Randolph 1-1, Conley 1-3, Gay 1-5, Tinsley 0-1). Fouled Out—Varejao. Rebounds—Cleveland 59 (James 13), Memphis 54 (Randolph 14). Assists—Cleveland 18 (M. Williams 8), Memphis 21 (Conley, Mayo 5). Total Fouls—Cleveland 28, Memphis 24. Technicals—Young, Memphis defensive three second. A—16,325 (18,119).

Hornets 96, Kings 94

SACRAMENTO — Nocioni 3-10 2-6 8, Thompson 9-13 2-5 20, Hawes 6-12 0-0 12, Evans 10-17 5-8 25, Greene 2-5 0-0 5, Rodriguez 2-6 0-0 5, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Udrih 6-10 0-0 13, Udoka 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-81 9-19 94.

NEW ORLEANS — Stojakovic 5-8 0-0 14, West 9-13 6-8 24, Okafor 6-11 5-6 17, Paul 6-13 1-2 15, D.Brown 2-7 0-0 4, Collison 0-3 0-0 0, Songaila 5-5 1-2 11, Posey 1-5 0-0 3, Armstrong 0-1 0-2 0, Thornton 3-8 1-3 8. Totals 37-74 14-23 96.

Sacramento	**19**	**29**	**20**	**26—94**
New Orleans	**29**	**19**	**19**	**29—96**

Three-Point Goals—Sacramento 3-13 (Rodriguez 1-2, Greene 1-2, Udrih 1-3, Evans 0-1, Udoka 0-1, Nocioni 0-2, Hawes 0-2), New Orleans 8-18 (Stojakovic 4-5, Paul 2-3, Thornton 1-2, Posey 1-5, D.Brown 0-3). Fouled Out—Thompson, Songaila. Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Thompson 9), New Orleans 47 (West, Okafor 12). Assists—Sacramento 27 (Evans 9), New Orleans 24 (Paul 12). Total Fouls—Sacramento 20, New Orleans 19. A—13,140 (17,188).

Nets 103, Bulls 101

NEW JERSEY — Douglas-Roberts 10-20 0-1 20, Boone 3-4 0-0 6, Lopez 9-14 7-8 25, Harris 5-12 5-7 17, Lee 3-13 6-6 12, Dooling 1-6 0-0 2, Simmons 0-3 2-2 2, Alston 5-8 4-4 15, Battie 2-4 0-0 4, Hassell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-84 24-28 103.

CHICAGO — Deng 10-17 5-6 27, Miller 2-5 0-0 4, Noah 3-6 1-1 7, Rose 13-23 1-4 27, Salmons 4-12 2-2 12, Gibson 8-12 4-8 20, Pargo 1-8 2-2 4, Johnson 0-5 0-0 0, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-88 15-23 101.

New Jersey	**26**	**28**	**26**	**23—103**
Chicago	**24**	**30**	**16**	**31—101**

Three-Point Goals—New Jersey 3-20 (Harris 2-6, Alston 1-1, Douglas-Roberts 0-3, Dooling 0-3, Simmons 0-3, Lee 0-4), Chicago 4-12 (Deng 2-3, Salmons 2-5, Rose 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Pargo 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 49 (Boone, Lopez 10), Chicago 56 (Noah, Deng 9). Assists—New Jersey 18 (Harris 6), Chicago 22 (Rose 10). Total Fouls—New Jersey 20, Chicago 21. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second. A—17,872 (20,917).

Mavericks 102, Suns 101

PHOENIX — Hill 3-11 3-3 9, Stoudemire 8-14 4-4 20, Frye 1-7 0-0 2, Nash 9-15 6-6 27, Richardson 9-20 6-6 25, Amundson 1-2 0-0 2, Dudley 2-5 5-6 11, Dragic 2-5 0-0 5, Lopez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-79 24-25 101.

DALLAS — Marion 5-15 0-0 10, Nowitzki 12-20 9-9 33, Dampier 0-0 0-0 0, Kidd 3-9 0-0 7, Barea 6-8 0-0 14, Terry 5-12 4-6 15, Howard 6-13 6-6 20, Gooden 1-7 0-0 2, Humphries 0-1 1-2 1, Beaubois 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 20-23 102.

Phoenix	**29**	**21**	**20**	**31—101**
Dallas	**23**	**26**	**28**	**25—102**

Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-19 (Nash 3-3, Dudley 2-3, Dragic 1-2, Richardson 1-6, Stoudemire 0-1, Frye 0-4), Dallas 6-23 (Barea 2-4, Howard 2-5, Terry 1-5, Kidd 1-7, Marion 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 46 (Frye 9), Dallas 49 (Nowitzki 8). Assists—Phoenix 23 (Nash 8), Dallas 26 (Kidd 11). Total Fouls—Phoenix 21, Dallas 22. A—19,857 (19,200).

Magic 97, Clippers 86

ORLANDO — Pietrus 3-7 1-2 9, Lewis 5-11 3-3 17, Howard 7-10 11-15 25, Williams 6-11 0-0 16, Carter 5-11 1-1 13, Redick 1-4 0-0 3, Anderson 2-6 2-2 6, Barnes 0-6 0-0 0, Johnson 2-4 1-2 6, Gortat 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-71 19-25 97.

L.A. CLIPPERS — Thornton 6-14 2-2 15, Camby 1-5 1-2 3, Kaman 8-22 0-0 16, B.Davis 7-19 3-5 18, Gordon 7-12 4-5 21, Jordan 1-3 0-2 2, Butler 4-8 1-1 10, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Telfair 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 1-2 1, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-85 12-19 86.

Orlando	**34**	**19**	**20**	**24—97**
L.A. Clippers	**24**	**23**	**22**	**17—86**

Three-Point Goals—Orlando 14-34 (Williams 4-7, Lewis 4-7, Carter 2-4, Pietrus 2-4, Johnson 1-2, Redick 1-2, Howard 0-1, Anderson 0-3, Barnes 0-4), L.A. Clippers 6-17 (Gordon 3-7, Thornton 1-1, B.Davis 1-4, Butler 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 51 (Howard 11), L.A. Clippers 52 (Camby 13). Assists—Orlando 22 (Howard 5), L.A. Clippers 23 (B.Davis 11). Total Fouls—Orlando 16, L.A. Clippers 20. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second 3. A—16,750 (19,060).

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Nashville left wing Martin Erat (10) shoots and scores his third goal of the game as Vancouver center Henrik Sedin (33) tries to block the shot during the third period of Tuesday's game in Nashville, Tenn. Erat also had an assist in the game, won by Nashville 4-2.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
New Jersey	28	20	7	1	41	81	61
Pittsburgh	31	20	10	1	41	99	83
Philadelphia	28	14	13	1	29	86	81
N.Y. Rangers	29	14	14	1	29	83	88
N.Y. Islanders	30	11	12	7	29	78	95
Northeast Division							
Boston	29	15	9	5	35	76	72
Buffalo	27	16	9	2	34	73	62
Montreal	31	15	14	2	32	80	88
Ottawa	29	14	11	4	32	84	91
Toronto	29	9	13	7	25	83	104
Southeast Division							
Washington	30	19	5	6	44	111	82
Atlanta	27	15	9	3	33	89	78
Tampa Bay	29	11	10	8	30	74	85
Florida	30	11	13	6	28	82	103
Carolina	29	7	17	5	19	70	105

Western Conference

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Chicago	28	18	7	3	39	85	64
Nashville	30	17	11	2	36	77	82
Detroit	29	14	10	5	33	83	82
Columbus	29	13	11	5	31	89	105
St. Louis	28	12	11	5	29	70	77
Northwest Division							
Colorado	32	17	9	6	40	98	95
Calgary	29	18	8	3	39	87	71
Vancouver	30	16	14	0	32	93	79
Edmonton	30	13	13	4	30	90	95
Minnesota	29	13	13	3	29	78	88
Pacific Division							
San Jose	31	19	7	5	43	104	82
Los Angeles	31	18	10	3	39	95	93
Phoenix	30	18	11	1	37	75	68
Dallas	30	13	8	9	35	88	89
Anaheim	30	11	13	6	28	86	99

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's games
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 4, Ottawa 1
Nashville 4, Vancouver 2
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3, OT

Wednesday's games
Florida at Columbus
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto
Carolina at New Jersey
Washington at Buffalo
St. Louis at Detroit
Edmonton at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago
Minnesota at Colorado
Atlanta at Calgary
Los Angeles at San Jose

Thursday's games
Toronto at Boston
Ottawa at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Montreal
Columbus at Nashville
Atlanta at Vancouver
Phoenix at Los Angeles

Friday's games
Florida at New Jersey
Carolina at Washington
Chicago at Buffalo
Anaheim at Detroit
Edmonton at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Colorado
Minnesota at Calgary
Dallas at San Jose

Saturday's games
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Boston at N.Y. Islanders
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers
Montreal at Atlanta
Carolina at Ottawa
Washington at Toronto
Anaheim at Columbus
Florida at Pittsburgh
San Jose at Phoenix
Detroit at Nashville
Minnesota at Vancouver
Dallas at Los Angeles

Sunday's games
Tampa Bay at Chicago
Calgary at Colorado

Tuesday

Flyers 6, Islanders 2

N.Y. Islanders	0	2	0—2
Philadelphia	2	3	1—6

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Richards 12 (Timonen, Hartnell), 9:47 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Richards 13, 15:14 (sh).

Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Carter 10 (Briere, Carle), 4:21 (pp). 4, Philadelphia, Carter 11 (Briere, Timonen), 7:04. 5, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 12 (Tambellini, Okposo), 10:52 (pp). 6, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 13 (Moulson, Okposo), 14:55 (pp). 7, Philadelphia, Giroux 4 (Richards, Pronger), 17:29 (pp).

Third Period—8, Philadelphia, Giroux 5 (Hartnell), 2:35.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 5-10-9—24. Philadelphia 15-13-9—37.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 2 of 8; Philadelphia 3 of 5.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Biron 2-9-2 (37 shots-31 saves). Philadelphia, Boucher 3-5-0 (24-22).

A—19,330 (19,537). **T—**2:23.

Canadiens 4, Senators 1

Montreal	1	1	2—4
Ottawa	0	1	0—1

First Period—1, Montreal, Cammalleri 17 (Plekanec, A.Kostitsyn), 18:32.

Second Period—2, Ottawa, Fisher 13 (Michalek, Alfredsson), 1:46. 3, Montreal, Bergeron 7 (Hamrlik, Plekanec), 11:47 (pp).

Third Period—4, Montreal, A.Kostitsyn 4 (Bergeron, Plekanec), 17:48 (pp). 5, Montreal, Gomez 4, 18:55 (en).

Shots on Goal—Montreal 5-13-9—27. Ottawa 13-18-15—46.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 2 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 7.

Goalies—Montreal, Halak 6-4-0 (46 shots-45 saves). Ottawa, Elliott 6-6-3 (26-23).

A—18,866 (19,153). **T—**2:14.

Predators 4, Canucks 2

Vancouver	0	1	1—2
Nashville	1	1	2—4

First Period—1, Nashville, Erat 7 (Arnott, Sullivan), 4:19.

Second Period—2, Nashville, Erat 8 (Bouillon, Sullivan), 3:03 (pp). 3, Vancouver, Kesler 6 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin), 12:12 (pp).

Third Period—4, Nashville, Hornqvist 6 (Arnott, Erat), 11:27 (pp). 5, Vancouver, D.Sedin 3 (H.Sedin), 16:25. 6, Nashville, Erat 9 (Legwand), 18:54 (en).

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 7-12-17—36. Nashville 8-6-12—26.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 4; Nashville 2 of 5.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo 12-10-0 (25 shots-22 saves). Nashville, Rinne 12-6-1 (36-34).

A—12,565 (17,113). **T—**2:26.

Ducks 4, Stars 3 (OT)

Dallas	2	1	0	0—3
Anaheim	0	1	2	1—4

First Period—1, Dallas, Richards 8 (Neal, Eriksson), 9:06 (pp). 2, Dallas, Modano 4 (Ott), 11:00.

Second Period—3, Dallas, Richards 9 (Neal, Eriksson), 6:20. 4, Anaheim, Lupul 10 (Getzlaf, Marchant), 18:24.

Third Period—5, Anaheim, Sexton 1 (Ryan, Koivu), 6:08. 6, Anaheim, Sexton 2, 18:58.

Overtime—7, Anaheim, Koivu 4 (Ryan), 4:13.

Shots on Goal—Dallas 10-8-2-2—22. Anaheim 8-13-14-7—42.

Power-play opportunities—Dallas 1 of 4; Anaheim 0 of 1.

Goalies—Dallas, Turco 9-6-7 (42 shots-38 saves). Anaheim, Giguere 4-4-4 (22-19).

A—13,861 (17,174). **T—**2:24.

NHL roundup

Three Flyers score 2 goals apiece in rout of Islanders

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The ailing Philadelphia Flyers found the perfect remedy for their losing ways — a timely visit from the New York Islanders.

Mike Richards, Jeff Carter and Claude Giroux scored two goals apiece, and the Flyers beat the New York Islanders 6-2 on Tuesday night to snap a five-game losing streak and give new coach Peter Laviolette his first victory with Philadelphia.

Brian Boucher, taking over No. 1 goalie duties from injured Ray Emery, made 22 saves for the Flyers. Philadelphia has won 12 in a row and 15 of 16 against the Islanders, dating to the 2007-08 season.

"It feels nice to win a hockey game, and finally get a couple bounces," captain Mike Richards said. "We executed a lot of plays. We were finishing chances."

The Flyers had dropped two consecutive games — including an 8-2 home loss to Washington on Saturday — after Laviolette replaced fired coach John Stevens on Friday. His first victory with his new team coach came against the club that gave him his first head-coaching job, from 2001-03.

Islanders rookie John Tavares scored both goals for New York, which dropped its second straight and slipped into a last-place tie with the Flyers in the Atlantic Division.

The Flyers (14-13-1) were 12-5 on Nov. 18, but their slump led to Stevens' dismissal. Philadelphia held a 37-24 shots advantage, one night after they had a 15-13 edge at Montreal in a 3-1 loss.

The 4-0 lead helped Boucher relax. He had started five of the previous eight games, while Emery tried to recover from his injured abdomen. The 32-year-old Boucher will now be counted on to shoulder the load.

Canadiens 4, Senators 1: Jaroslav Halak made 45 saves, and Tomas Plekanec had three assists as visiting Montreal extended its winning streak to three with a victory over Ottawa.

Mike Cammalleri, Marc-Andre Bergeron and Andrei Kostitsyn all scored for the second night in a row, and Scott Gomez added an empty-net goal.

Cammalleri scored for a third straight game late in the first for Montreal, which beat Philadelphia 3-1 on Monday despite being held to 13 shots.

Mike Fisher scored his 13th goal early in the second for Ottawa, which had a five-game, home-winning streak snapped despite a 46-27 shots advantage.

Brian Elliot stopped 23 shots in his ninth straight start for the Senators, who returned home after a 1-3-1 trip.

Predators 4, Canucks 2: Martin Erat had his second career NHL hat trick and added an assist to lead Nashville over Vancouver. The Predators beat the Canucks at home for the first time since Nov. 23, 2006.

After winning the first two games of a four-game trip, the Canucks lost at Carolina and Nashville.

Patric Hornqvist had the other goals for the Predators. Ryan Kesler and Daniel Sedin scored for Vancouver.

Ducks 4, Stars 3 (OT): Dan Sexton, playing in his third NHL game, scored his first two goals — the second with 62 seconds left in regulation — and Saku Koivu scored 4:13 into overtime to give host Anaheim a victory over Dallas.

Joffrey Lupul also scored, Bobby Ryan had two assists, and Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 19 saves, helping the Ducks snap a five-game losing streak that included an overtime loss and two more defeats in shootouts.

The Ducks spotted Dallas a 3-0 lead before Lupul scored on a breakaway at 18:24 of the second period. Sexton connected with 13:52 left in regulation.

Brad Richards scored twice and Mike Modano also had a goal for Dallas. The Ducks outshot the Stars 14-2 in the third period, 7-2 in overtime and 42-22 overall.

NFL briefs

Bengals receiver fined $30K for donning poncho, sombrero

The Associated Press

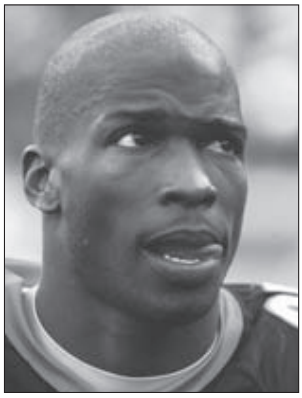
Chad Ochocinco is donating dinero to the NFL yet again.

The Cincinnati Bengals receiver is being fined $30,000 for his latest stunt — donning a poncho and sombrero after scoring a touchdown over the weekend — a person in the NFL told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the league had not made an announcement about the fine. The punishment was first reported by ESPN.com.

Ochocinco wore a poncho and sombrero after catching a TD pass in Cincinnati's 23-13 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

On his Twitter account, Ochocinco posted Tuesday: "Dear NFL League Office ... being great means having fun n celebrating. I've written a letter of apology to yall." This fine comes about a month after Ochocinco was docked $20,000 and reprimanded by the NFL for pretending to bribe an official with a dollar.



DAVID KOHL/AP

Chad Ochocinco's latest fine comes about a month after the NFL fined him $20,000 for pretending to bribe an official during a review of a catch.

Source: Cowboys' Adams fined $50K for shove

IRVING, Texas — The NFL docked Dallas Cowboys left tackle Flozell Adams $50,000 for shoving New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck in the back, a person familiar with the fine told The Associated Press.

Adams did not receive a suspension, said the person, who requested anonymity Wednesday because the punishment had not been announced by the league.

Adams had been fined $25,000 for incidents in three other games this season, including $12,500 stemming from Dallas' first meeting with New York in September, when Adams tripped Tuck.

As a repeat offender, and with a history of tangling with Tuck, there was thought that Adams could be forced to sit out a game.

Video clearly showed Adams shoving Tuck in the back at the end of the first half of New York's 31-24 victory Sunday. There was then a small melee between players from both teams on the New York sideline, and Adams was given a personal-foul penalty though no yardage was marked off against Dallas at the start of the second half.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin spoke with NFL director of officiating Mike Pereira about the play.

Adams was fined $7,500 by the NFL after kicking at Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers in Week 3. He was docked $5,000 for an unnecessary-roughness penalty in the opener at Tampa Bay before the first incidents with the Giants.

Redskins cut Suisham after latest miss, sign Gano

ASHBURN, Va. — The chip-shot miss against the New Orleans Saints cost Washington Redskins kicker Shaun Suisham his job.

Suisham, the most accurate kicker in franchise history, was cut Tuesday by the Redskins, who replaced him with Graham Gano from the United Football League.

Suisham made his first 13 field-goal attempts this season, but he had vital misses from 39 and 50 yards in the 7-6 loss to Dallas three games ago and was wide right Sunday on a 23-yarder that would have sealed a victory over the unbeaten Saints. New Orleans rallied to win 33-30 in overtime.

Suisham's 80.2 percent success rate is the best career mark for any Redskins kicker with more than a half-dozen attempts.

Brady, supermodel welcome baby boy

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and supermodel Gisele Bundchen welcomed a baby boy.

He said the boy was born Tuesday and that he and Bundchen had not chosen a name. He called it "a wonderful experience in my life."

Brady also has a 2-year-old son, Jack, with actress Bridget Moynahan. Bundchen is a mother for the first time. Brady and Bundchen were married in February in Los Angeles in a small ceremony. In April, they held another wedding ceremony in Costa Rica for friends and family.

Season over, future unclear for Redskins RB Portis

ASHBURN, Va. — The season is over for Washington Redskins running back Clinton Portis, placed on injured reserve because doctors have yet to clear him from a concussion he suffered a month ago.

Portis' season ends with a career-low 494 yards rushing on 124 carries and one touchdown. Although only 28, he has 2,176 carries, third most in the NFL since entering the league in 2002, and was showing signs of wear and tear before the concussion.

In other injury news:

■ Houston Texans running back Steve Slaton will be placed on injured reserve because of shoulder and neck problems that have led to numbness in his right thumb.

Eagles, coach Reid agree to 3-year contract extension

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid signed a contract extension that will keep him with the team through 2013. Terms were not disclosed.

Reid is the winningest coach in Eagles history, leading the team to five NFC title game appearances and one Super Bowl in 10 seasons. The Eagles have reached the playoffs seven times under Reid, who has 115 victories since being chosen coach in 1999.

Also:

■ Brian Westbrook is returning to practice with the Eagles for the first time since sustaining two concussions in a three-week span.

Burress seeks furlough; prosecutors likely to oppose

NEW YORK — Former Super Bowl star Plaxico Burress applied for work release, but Manhattan prosecutors said it's too soon for him to get a break from prison. Prosecutors will likely oppose his request.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Mark Dwyer said Tuesday that a furlough only a few months into Burress' two-year sentence would send "a very bad message." If it's granted, the ex-New York Giant could spend a portion of his time at home. Burress went to prison in September for carrying a gun that accidentally went off in a nightclub. He pleaded guilty to attempted criminal possession of a weapon.

Steelers WR Ward questionable for Browns

PITTSBURGH — Wide receiver Hines Ward practiced lightly despite a hamstring injury and was listed as questionable for the Pittsburgh Steelers' game at Cleveland on Thursday night.

Earlier in the week, coach Mike Tomlin was pessimistic that Ward would play.

Tyler Grisham was promoted from the practice squad to the 53-player roster, giving the Steelers an extra wide receiver in case Ward can't play.

Jets QB Sanchez to sit against Bucs

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Mark Sanchez will sit out the New York Jets' game at Tampa Bay because of a sprained right knee. Kellen Clemens will start in his place.

Coach Rex Ryan said he made the decision to bench Sanchez after seeking the advice of team doctors. Ryan said Sanchez was upset by the decision, but the coach said it was in the rookie quarterback's best interest, as well as the team's.

NFL statistics

AFC individual leaders

Week 13

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Rivers, SND	374	242	3311	21	6
P. Manning, IND	460	322	3685	25	11
Roethlisberger, PIT	368	255	3145	19	11
Schaub, HOU	434	295	3449	22	12
Brady, NWE	458	301	3638	22	10
Orton, DEN	369	229	2627	14	7
V. Young, TEN	175	107	1251	6	3
Garrard, JAC	386	239	2848	10	6
C. Palmer, CIN	365	222	2547	16	10
Flacco, BAL	406	257	2881	14	11

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Chr. Johnson, TEN	244	1509	6.18	91t	9
Jones-Drew, JAC	233	1077	4.62	80t	13
T. Jones, NYJ	239	1068	4.47	71t	9
Benson, CIN	241	969	4.02	28t	6
Mendenhall, PIT	178	887	4.98	60	5
R. Rice, BAL	181	875	4.83	50	6
Ri. Williams, MIA	172	867	5.04	68t	9
Moreno, DEN	182	774	4.25	36	5
Addai, IND	181	662	3.66	21	9
Ro. Brown, MIA	147	648	4.41	45	8

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	95	1053	11.1	58	4
Wayne, IND	83	1035	12.5	39	9
Dal. Clark, IND	77	859	11.2	80t	5
H. Ward, PIT	72	922	12.8	52t	6
And. Johnson, HOU	70	1044	14.9	72t	6
R. Moss, NWE	68	1058	15.6	71t	9
Gates, SND	67	994	14.8	56	4
B. Marshall, DEN	65	808	12.4	75t	7
S. Holmes, PIT	64	987	15.4	57	3
R. Rice, BAL	64	599	9.4	63	1

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Lechler, OAK	76	3914	70	51.5
Moorman, BUF	69	3236	66	46.9
B. Fields, MIA	58	2674	66	46.1
Scifres, SND	41	1882	65	45.9
Colquitt, KAN	76	3479	70	45.8
Koch, BAL	55	2474	60	45.0
Zastudil, CLE	49	2188	60	44.7
McAfee, IND	44	1949	60	44.3
Huber, CIN	60	2629	61	43.8
Sepulveda, PIT	53	2324	58	43.8

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	19	265	13.9	69	0
Cribbs, CLE	25	316	12.6	67t	1
E. Royal, DEN	27	319	11.8	71t	1
Cosby, CIN	33	389	11.8	60	0
Jac. Jones, HOU	31	341	11.0	62	0
Logan, PIT	24	203	8.5	25	0
Leonhard, NYJ	21	173	8.2	37	0
Sproles, SND	19	155	8.2	77t	1
Bess, MIA	21	168	8.0	22	0
B. Wade, KAN	20	156	7.8	18	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ginn Jr., MIA	33	943	28.6	101t	2
Jac. Jones, HOU	21	579	27.6	95t	1
Webb, BAL	31	828	26.7	95t	1
Logan, PIT	44	1175	26.7	83	0
Cribbs, CLE	45	1163	25.8	98t	1
Charles, KAN	35	901	25.7	97t	1
F. Jackson, BUF	29	729	25.1	71	0
E. Royal, DEN	24	579	24.1	93t	1
B. Witherspoon, JAC	22	530	24.1	42	0
L. Washington, NYJ	16	385	24.1	43	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Jones-Drew, JAC	13	13	0	0	78
Addai, IND	12	9	3	0	72
Ri. Williams, MIA	11	9	2	0	66
Chr. Johnson, TEN	10	9	1	0	62
R. Moss, NWE	9	0	9	0	56
T. Jones, NYJ	9	9	0	0	54
McGahee, BAL	9	7	2	0	54
Tomlinson, SND	9	9	0	0	54
Wayne, IND	9	0	9	0	54
Ro. Brown, MIA	8	8	0	0	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Kaeding, SND	37-38	25-28	55	112
Gostkowski, NWE	35-35	21-26	53	98
Prater, DEN	24-24	22-26	50	90
Feely, NYJ	24-24	21-24	55	87
D. Carpenter, MIA	29-30	19-20	52	86
Bironas, TEN	25-25	19-23	53	82
Je. Reed, PIT	32-32	16-20	46	80
Lindell, BUF	19-19	20-23	56	79
S. Graham, CIN	24-25	18-23	53	78
K. Brown, HOU	31-31	14-20	56	73

NFC individual leaders

Week 13

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brees, NOR	392	271	3536	29	10
Favre, MIN	403	278	3149	26	5
Rodgers, GBY	420	275	3399	25	7
Warner, ARI	404	273	3003	23	11
Romo, DAL	414	257	3325	20	7
McNabb, PHL	310	189	2427	16	6
E. Manning, NYG	379	225	2925	20	11
J. Campbell, WAS	370	244	2724	15	12
Ale. Smith, SNF	241	149	1577	13	7
Hasselbeck, SEA	340	208	2153	13	7

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
S. Jackson, STL	266	1232	4.63	58	4
A. Peterson, MIN	243	1103	4.54	64t	12
DeA. Williams, CAR	197	1022	5.19	77	7
R. Grant, GBY	227	931	4.10	37	5
M. Turner, ATL	177	864	4.88	58t	10
Jacobs, NYG	187	722	3.86	31	4
Kev. Smith, DET	196	678	3.46	31	4
M. Barber, DAL	152	669	4.40	35	4
Gore, SNF	137	668	4.88	80t	6
P. Thomas, NOR	122	666	5.46	34t	5

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Fitzgerald, ARI	83	969	11.7	34t	10
St. Smith, NYG	78	979	12.6	51	5
Witten, DAL	73	744	10.2	44	1
T. Gonzalez, ATL	69	738	10.7	27	5
R. White, ATL	65	874	13.4	90t	8
S. Rice, MIN	63	1036	16.4	63	4
Ve. Davis, SNF	63	781	12.4	42	10
Boldin, ARI	63	763	12.1	44	4
Houshmandzadeh, SEA	61	669	11.0	53	3
Burleson, SEA	60	762	12.7	44t	3

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
A. Lee, SNF	75	3621	64	48.3
B. Graham, ARI	65	3081	64	47.4
J. Ryan, SEA	66	3117	70	47.2
Do. Jones, STL	63	2926	63	46.4
J. Baker, CAR	52	2374	61	45.7
Kluwe, MIN	54	2406	60	44.6
McBriar, DAL	58	2569	63	44.3
Kapinos, GBY	51	2245	58	44.0
Koenen, ATL	46	1988	70	43.2
N. Harris, DET	56	2414	56	43.1

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
De. Jackson, PHL	21	326	15.5	85t	1
Crayton, DAL	28	380	13.6	82t	2
Reynaud, MIN	15	164	10.9	36	0
Munnerlyn, CAR	21	223	10.6	37	0
C. Smith, TAM	23	232	10.1	21	0
Weems, ATL	20	198	9.9	24	0
Northcutt, DET	19	178	9.4	43	0
Amendola, STL	21	190	9.0	30	0
Burleson, SEA	29	259	8.9	29	0
Breaston, ARI	26	230	8.8	64	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Knox, CHI	29	853	29.4	102t	1
C. Smith, TAM	31	902	29.1	83	0
Harvin, MIN	34	986	29.0	101t	2
Roby, NOR	35	961	27.5	97t	1
Weems, ATL	40	1035	25.9	62	0
Stephens-Howling, ARI	36	897	24.9	99t	1
D. Manning, CHI	20	494	24.7	44	0
Amendola, STL	43	1059	24.6	58	0
E. Hobbs, PHL	20	481	24.1	63	0
M. Robinson, SNF	17	402	23.6	40	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
A. Peterson, MIN	12	12	0	0	72
Ve. Davis, SNF	10	0	10	0	60
Fitzgerald, ARI	10	0	10	0	60
M. Turner, ATL	10	10	0	0	60
Austin, DAL	9	0	9	0	54
Gore, SNF	9	6	3	0	54
Meachem, NOR	9	0	8	0	54
Shiancoe, MIN	9	0	9	0	54
Colston, NOR	8	0	8	0	48
Harvin, MIN	8	0	6	2	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Akers, PHL	33-34	26-30	52	111
Tynes, NYG	33-33	24-29	52	105
Crosby, GBY	33-34	22-29	52	99
Longwell, MIN	42-42	19-20	52	99
Carney, NOR	50-52	13-17	46	89
Mare, SEA	24-24	21-23	47	87
Rackers, ARI	36-36	15-16	45	81
Folk, DAL	31-31	16-24	51	79
Gould, CHI	23-23	18-21	52	77
Suisham, WAS	20-21	18-21	48	74

Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME

OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	414.6	113.0	301.6
Indianapolis	390.4	87.7	302.8
Pittsburgh	374.8	116.8	258.0
Houston	367.6	88.7	278.9
San Diego	355.4	88.7	266.8
Tennessee	353.3	165.8	187.5
Jacksonville	351.7	130.5	221.2
Baltimore	339.3	112.8	226.6
Denver	334.7	125.6	209.1
Cincinnati	331.9	133.9	198.0
Miami	326.1	150.4	175.7
N.Y. Jets	324.9	168.6	156.3
Buffalo	273.9	106.2	167.8
Kansas City	265.6	98.0	167.6
Oakland	247.8	104.7	143.2
Cleveland	242.4	98.9	143.5

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
N.Y. Jets	276.4	109.4	167.0
Denver	288.9	108.7	180.3
Cincinnati	293.3	81.8	211.5
Pittsburgh	297.3	77.8	219.6
Baltimore	312.3	97.3	215.0
New England	321.9	107.9	214.0
San Diego	322.3	117.8	204.4
Houston	333.3	118.9	214.3
Indianapolis	335.8	111.7	224.1
Jacksonville	345.5	103.4	242.1
Miami	349.9	107.0	242.9
Buffalo	360.3	172.1	188.2
Tennessee	367.3	100.3	267.0
Oakland	378.9	158.7	220.3
Kansas City	394.6	143.8	250.8
Cleveland	400.3	154.2	246.1

Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME

OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	429.0	142.6	286.4
Dallas	394.8	130.3	264.5
Minnesota	383.8	123.6	260.2
Green Bay	379.3	117.1	262.3
N.Y. Giants	371.6	124.6	247.0
Arizona	360.9	94.1	266.8
Philadelphia	359.0	108.5	250.5
Atlanta	335.8	113.4	222.3
Washington	321.2	101.0	220.2
Carolina	321.0	151.9	169.1
Seattle	317.3	93.4	223.8
Chicago	309.2	88.0	221.2
St. Louis	303.8	120.1	183.8
Detroit	302.9	94.8	208.1
Tampa Bay	291.0	102.8	188.2
San Francisco	285.4	91.3	194.2

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Green Bay	273.5	87.2	186.3
N.Y. Giants	301.6	102.6	199.0
Philadelphia	304.1	98.8	205.3
Minnesota	311.4	84.3	227.2
Washington	312.0	121.8	190.2
Carolina	325.8	133.3	192.4
Dallas	328.4	102.5	225.9
Chicago	330.9	126.4	204.5
New Orleans	343.9	113.9	230.0
San Francisco	346.4	95.8	250.6
Seattle	349.4	105.9	243.5
Arizona	362.6	104.8	257.8
St. Louis	363.7	146.2	217.5
Tampa Bay	365.8	160.1	205.7
Atlanta	374.4	119.8	254.7
Detroit	388.2	113.4	274.8

NFL

Browns' Quinn set for shot at rival Steelers

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Like so many Ohio kids raised on football, Brady Quinn developed a strong distaste for everything Pittsburgh Steelers.

Growing up a die-hard Browns fan, Cleveland's quarterback learned from an early age that those neighbors from Pennsylvania wearing black and gold were the enemy, Iron City villains to be despised and beaten whenever possible. Quinn's heroes wore brown and orange.

So which of the Steelers did he hate most? Jerome Bettis? Rod Woodson? Greg Lloyd? Bill Cowher?

"I don't know," Quinn said on Tuesday. "I wasn't really fond of any of them. That's usually how it works."

Quinn, who has been showing signs he could blossom into a solid NFL starter, will face Cleveland's bitter — and much better — rival for the first time as a pro when the Browns (1-11) host the stumbling Steelers (6-6) on Thursday night.

When the teams met on Oct. 18 at Heinz Field, Quinn watched from the sideline as the Steelers won their 12th straight over the Browns, 27-14. He had lost his starting job to Derek Anderson a few weeks earlier, benched by coach Eric Mangini after two starts.

Quinn has been back in the lineup for five starts, and it's his turn to try to end the Steelers' dominance over the Browns — 18 victories in 19 games since 2000. Cleveland hasn't beaten Pittsburgh since Oct. 5, 2003, when Tim Couch directed the Browns to a 33-13 victory.

Since then, Kelly Holcomb, Jeff Garcia, Trent Dilfer, Charlie Frye, Anderson and Bruce Gradkowski, who directed Oakland to a comeback victory over Pittsburgh last week, have failed to knock off the Steelers.

Mark Duncan/AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn, coming off an impressive performance in a loss to the San Diego Chargers, gets a crack at the team he despised growing up in Ohio, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Quinn's up. But is he up to it?

He's coming off a three-touchdown, 271-yard performance against San Diego, Quinn's second impressive outing in his last three games. After throwing one TD pass and five interceptions in his first three starts, he has seven TDs and not interceptions in his past three.

Quinn has thrown 126 consecutive passes without an interception, the second-longest active streak in the league.

"I'm just trying to make good decisions, trying to take care of the football," he said. "It always gives us a chance to win. The only statistic that really matters is wins and losses. We're still searching for that win."

Quinn is 0-7 as a starter this season and 1-9 in his stop-and-start pro career. He said he feels more comfortable than at any time in three years and believes he can develop into the quarterback Cleveland banked on getting when they selected him in the first round of the 2007 Draft.

"I hope so," he said. "That's the intent. I've always felt that was my ability and everything. I just have to continue to grow and mature and learn and get better."

Mangini was impressed with Quinn's ability to handle San Diego's defense, which, like Pittsburgh's, blitzes from every angle. Although there have been questions about the QB's arm strength, Quinn's football IQ has never been challenged.

"I thought he did a nice job IDing where the pressure was coming from," Mangini said. "He changed some of the protection calls on the line of scrimmage to get us to a point where we had the numbers to pick it up, and that opened up some things.

"The one thing about him is he'll study it, he'll pick up some things from the first game even though he wasn't playing, and there's also going to be some variations of things that are unique to us."

Pittsburgh has dropped four straight games for the first time since 2003, placing the defending Super Bowl champions in jeopardy of missing the playoffs. Opponents have been successful in spreading the Steelers defense with four- and five-receiver sets. With Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu sidelined with knee injuries, teams have found a soft spot in the middle of the field that wasn't there before.

Quinn isn't counting on Polamalu's absence to aid the Browns, who have lost 10 straight home games.

"Clearly not having him on the field takes something away from them, but Tyrone Carter does a great job filling in for that spot," Quinn said. "Believe me, they'll be ready to go."

He's prepared, too.

And in what has been an unusually rough season in a decade of rough seasons in Cleveland, nothing would warm the hearts of Browns fans more than a victory over the hated Steelers.

"I don't want to put too much on this game," Quinn said. "It's a big game for us because it's the next one. Obviously, it's a rivalry game. We know what Pittsburgh brings to the table and all of the success they've had. It's a big game for us, but it is just the next game for us."

Vikings turn to rookie at LB

By Jon Krawczynski
The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Jasper Brinkley spent the first 4½ months of his rookie season looking to the Minnesota Vikings' experienced and talented veteran defenders for guidance.

When he enters the huddle as the starting middle linebacker on Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals, the fifth-round draft pick out of South Carolina will suddenly have Pro Bowlers Kevin and Pat Williams and Jared Allen looking to him instead.

When his friend and tutor E.J. Henderson sustained a horrific broken leg against Arizona on Sunday, Brinkley instantly became the quarterback of the Vikings' base defense for the remainder of the season.

Now it's time to find out how much he has learned. Veteran Ben Leber likely will help call the plays, but Brinkley will be instrumental in setting the defense before the play.

"I'm definitely comfortable with the scheme," he said. "Coming into it in training camp it had taken a little adjustment coming from another defense. From training camp to the time now, it's all settled in with me."

Henderson had surgery on his broken left femur and will be out for the season. Brinkley had played almost exclusively on special teams up to this point, with some time at middle linebacker in a few blowout victories.

"It's going to be a big void we've got to fill," lineman Kevin Willliams said. "People go down during the season and we've got to count on the younger guys and the backups to step up. ... It's going to be tough to fill his shoes. But somebody's going to have to step in and try."

For now, that someone appears to be Brinkley.

"He will be initially and we'll look at it through the week to see if there's a better combination than that," coach Brad Childress said. "But he's been trained there and he should be just fine."

Henderson suffered a foot injury in the fourth game last year and missed the rest of the season, so the Vikings have been here before. Last year, they signed Napoleon Harris off the street to fill in as the base defense middle linebacker, but played more of their nickel package consisting of just linebackers Chad Greenway and Leber with five defensive backs to compensate.

It seems less likely that the Vikings (10-2) would bring in a veteran free agent to take Henderson's place.

The 6-foot-1, 252-pound Brinkley made an impression early in training camp as a heavy hitter, but this is not the way he wanted to get his first big chance on defense.

"My emotions are I'm still praying for E.J.," Brinkley said. "I know he's going to call me because we are very close because he's like my mentor. I know he's going to be pulling for me."

Ross D. Franklin/AP

Minnesota Vikings middle linebacker E.J. Henderson is carried off the field with a broken leg during Sunday night's loss to the Arizona Cardinals. With Henderson out, the responsibility of calling the Vikings' defensive alignments will fall to rookie Jasper Brinkley.

Henderson and Brinkley share a soft-spoken nature, and a propensity for big hits.

"Well, he weighs 260 pounds and when he hits somebody he does some damage," Greenway said of the rookie. "He's a good player, got a lot of talent, he's worked hard on special teams and been a good player on there. He's proven himself to us as veterans and I think that if he goes in there and gets the start or whatever is going to happen he will be ready."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: THE ARMY-NAVY GAME

JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Navy's Mario Washington prepares to return a kick against Army during last year's game. Army-Navy, traditionally played on the first Saturday in December, was moved back a week this year, meaning the annual service academy showcase isn't competing with conference championshps or other Division I-A games.

Academies in the spotlight

Decision to change date of annual showdown gives Cadets, Mids greater exposure

BY CAMILLE POWELL
The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — For the players at Army and Navy, the first Thursday in December has usually been a time to put the finishing touches on their preparation for their annual rivalry game. But this year on the first Thursday in December, Army senior defensive tackle Victor Ugenyi wasn't at practice. He was at Lincoln Financial Field, answering questions from reporters and giving a short speech during the annual Army-Navy media luncheon.

The Army-Navy game, traditionally played on the first Saturday in December, was moved back by a week to give it more exposure. The teams meet this Saturday in Philadelphia, with the game televised nationally on CBS. The last time the Army-Navy game was played this late was in 1931.

"Having an extra week is a little strange," said Ugenyi, whose team hasn't played since Nov. 21. "It helps us out, it gets a lot of people healthy, hopefully, and it gives us more time to go over Navy's plays. ... But we're trying not to get overanxious."

Last Saturday, there were nine games involving nationally ranked teams, including the Southeastern Conference, Big 12, ACC and Conference USA championship games. This week, Army-Navy is the only Division I-A game.

"We just felt strongly that this game deserved to be a focal point nationally," Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk said. "I think it got diluted a bit with regards to the championships; those other guys and those other conferences were infringing on our territory. The next thing we knew when we turned around and took a good, hard look at it, we had four or five championships being played on our Saturday. (Army-Navy) needed its own identity again."

Navy (8-4) has dominated in recent years, winning seven games in a row by an average score of 39-10. A victory this season would give the Midshipmen the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for a record seventh consecutive season. Navy's defense has not given up a touchdown to the Black Knights since the final seconds of the 2006 game.

Army (5-6) has won more games this season than in any season since 1996, when the Black Knights finished 10-2 and played in the Independence Bowl.

A victory over Navy would make Army bowl-eligible and allow it to book its spot in the EagleBank Bowl, which will be held on Dec. 29 at RFK Stadium in Washington.

"The fact that there's so much on the line is gratifying," said Rich Ellerson, Army's first-year coach.

"We've done just well enough to make it meaningful on a lot of different levels. It's wholly appropriate that the Army-Navy classic is the venue for this next adventure."

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